

**Proceedings of the Second Session of the Assam Legislative
Assembly assembled after the Third General Election
under the Sovereign Democratic Republican
Constitution of India**

The Assembly met in the Assembly Chamber, Shillong at 10 A.M. on Monday, the 13th August, 1962.

PRESENT

Shri MAHENDRA MOHAN CHOUDHURY, B. L., Speaker in the Chair, nine Ministers, two Ministers of State, three Deputy Ministers, and seventy-six Members.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

SHORT NOTICE QUESTIONS

(To which oral answers were given)

Re: Area of Mizo District affected by the Kaptai Dam of East Pakistan

Shri R. THANHLIRA [Aijal-East (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] asked :

***3. Will the Minister-in-charge, Tribal Areas be pleased to state—**

- (a) Whether the Government have completed survey of the areas in Mizo District which are likely to be submerged by the Kaptai Dam of East Pakistan ?
- (b) If so, what is the estimated amount of damage to be caused ?
- (c) What arrangements have been made for resettlement of the people to be affected ?
- (d) Whether interim compensation shall be paid to the affected persons pending settlement with the Pakistan Government ?

Shri CHATRASING TERON (Minister, Tribal Areas and Welfare of Backward Classes) replied :

3. (a)---No, the survey is not yet completed.

(b)—The estimated amount of damage to be caused will be ascertained on receipt of the Survey report when the affected area is known.

(c)—A scheme is being drawn up for the rehabilitation of the persons likely to be affected but no definite and concrete steps can be taken until a survey report is received and the areas and villages affected are known.

(d)—This also can be taken up only when a survey report is received and the persons affected are definitely known.

Shri R. THANHLIRA [Aijal-East (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] : Sir, May I know when was the survey started and when will be completed ?

Shri CHATRASING TERON (Minister, T. A. D.) : The survey was started by the Government of India and we do not know exactly when the survey will be completed. However, we expect that it will be completed soon.

Shri TARAPADA BHATTACHARJEE (Katigora) : Whether the Government has received any part or preliminary report from the Government of India ?

Shri CHATRASING TERON : No.

Re: Conference of Chief Secretaries of Assam and East Pakistan

Shri LAKSHMI PRASAD GOSWAMI (Laharighat) asked :

*4. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that there was a conference of the Chief Secretaries of Assam and East Pakistan recently ?

(b) What were the points of reference in that conference ?

(c) Whether Government will be pleased to place on the Library Table the text of their discussion ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

4. (a)—Yes, it is a fact that there was a 35th Conference of the Chief Secretaries of West Bengal, East Pakistan and Assam and Chief Commissioner of Tripura held at Dacca on the 1st and 2nd August 1962.

(b) & (c)—There were a number of points raised by each of the participating Administrations.

The points raised affecting East Pakistan and Assam were as follows—

(i) Implementation of the decision of the last Chief Secretaries' Conference of the 1st and 2nd April 1960 with regard to the embedding of T-shaped pillars.

(ii) Arrangements for finalising strip maps of East Pakistan-India boundary and obtaining signature of the plenipotentiaries of Pakistan and India.

- (iii) Repatriation of the Indian Muslim refugees who have taken shelter in Pakistan, as a result of expulsion from Assam.

These items were raised by the East Pakistan Government—

- (iv) Exchange of territories as provided in paragraph 2 of Ground Rules.
- (v) Telephone communication between Border Out Posts as provided in paragraph 13 of Ground Rules.
- (vi) Delivery of records discussed in the last Chief Secretaries' Conference.
- (vii) Implementation of the decision of last Chief Secretaries' Conference regarding Pound Charges.
- (viii) The position of Lathitilla village in Assam consequent on unilateral action by East Pakistan Rifles personnel in seeking to alter the *status quo*.

A copy of the minutes recorded on each of these items is placed on the Library Table for information of the hon. Members.

Re: Nikari-Mirigoan Road

Shri NARENDRA NATH SARMA (Bokakhat) asked :

*170. Will the Minister of Public Works Department (Roads and Buildings) be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government is aware that the Nikari-Mirigaon Road which is the only Public Works Department road in Plains Tribal areas of Golaghat wa damaged by flood from 1959 to 1962 ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that some bridges of the roads were washed away by flood in 1959 ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that Government spent some lakhs of rupees to repair and reconstruct the flood damaged road of the State in 1959, 1960 and 1961 ?
- (d) What are the reasons that this road was not included in that scheme ?
- (e) Whether Government propose to take up this road as a special case and reconstruct it and complete the work of the bridges soon ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI [Minister of State, Public Works Department (R. and B.)] replied :

170. (a)—Yes, by the heavy flood of 1959 and 1961, the road was affected considerably.

(b)—Yes. One bridge was washed away by the flood of 1959 and approaches of some bridges also damaged by the flood of 1961.

			Rs.
(c)—Yes.	In 1959-60		14,42,464
	1960-61		13,20,103
	1961-62		7,81,850

Spent under repairs of flood damaged roads.

(d)—There is no such scheme. All possible steps were taken to restore traffic on the road from available funds from Repair grants.

(e)—For permanent restoration work sufficient observation of hydraulic conditions are necessary which are being done. Work will be taken up as soon as funds are made available.

Re : Improvement of Water Supply in Shillong

Shri LAKSHMI PRASAD GOSWAMI (Laharighat) asked :

*171. Will the Minister, Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

- (a) What is the actual amount Government have spent up-till now through the Public Health Engineer for improvement of Water Supply in Shillong ?
- (b) Whether there is any improvement in this regard ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that the pipe-lines laid in the water work scheme by the Public Health Engineer did not stand the flow of water ?
- (d) Where from these pipes have been purchased and who was the contractor ?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that the pipes supplied by the contractor were all of inferior quality ?
- (f) If the answer to question (e) above is in the affirmative, why these pipes were allowed to be laid ?

Shri CHATRASING TERON (Minister, Local Self-Government) replied :

171. (a)—Rupees 20 lakhs.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—No.

(d)—From Calcutta. M/s. Harry Bros., Calcutta.

(e)—No.

(f)—Does not arise.

(Starred Question No.172 standing in the name of Raja Ajit Narayan Deb was not put and answered as the member was absent)

Re: Reclamation Project of Ranmari Dalani

Shri LILA KANTA BORAH (Kaliabor) asked

*173. Will the Minister, Public Works Department (Embankment and Drainage) be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether the Government had undertaken a reclamation project of the Ranmari Dalani in Chatial Mouza in the district of Nowgong a few years back ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that tenders were called for to give contract for reclamation of the said Dalani ?
- (c) Why the project was abandoned and what steps have been taken now for its early reclamation ?

Shri MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY [Minister-in-charge, Public Works Department (Flood Control and Irrigation Wing)] replied :

173. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—The project was found to be uneconomical after detailed survey. Hence it has not been taken up.

Shri LILA KANTA BORAH (Kaliabor) : Whether the Minister is aware that the then Finance Minister assured that the project would be taken up as it was a productive scheme ?

Shri MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY : No, I do not know.

Re: Compensation of Land Acquired for construction of Brahmaputra Dyke

Shri LILA KANTA BORAH (Kaliabor) asked :

*174. Will the Minister, Public Works Department (Embankment and Drainage) be pleased to state—

- (a) When lands were acquired for construction of the Brahmaputra dyke from Silghat to Dhing ?
- (b) Whether compensation for lands acquired have been paid ?
- (c) If not, why not ?

Shri MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY [Minister-in-charge, Public Works Department (Flood Control and Irrigation Wing)] replied :

174. (a)—During the year 1955.

(b)—Payment of compensation is being made by the Deputy Commissioner against L. A. estimates already sanctioned.

(c)—Does not arise.

(Starred Question No.175 standing in the name of Shri Prabin Kumar Choudhury was not put and answered as the Member was absent).

Re : Principle of merging of Special Pay while fixing pay in higher posts

Shri KHOGENDRANATH BARBARUAH (Amguri) asked :

*176. Will the Minister, Finance be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that Government have adopted a principle recently to the effect that if a Government servants enjoys a special pay for more than 3 continuous years, his special pay should be merged in fixing pay in higher post ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that in some cases this principle is followed and in some cases not ?
- (c) If so, why discrimination ?
- (d) Whether Government propose to extend this benefit to all the employees equally ?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Finance) replied :

176. (a)—No.

(b)—However, special pay attached to a post in lieu of a prescribed time-scale of pay may be taken into consideration while fixing the pay of the incumbent on his promotion to a higher post.

(b)—Does not arise.

(c)—Does not arise.

(d)—Does not arise.

Re : Superintendent of Cottage Industries

Shri NARENDRA NATH SARMA (Bokakhat) asked :

*177. Will the Minister-in-charge of Industries be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether there is a Superintendent of Cottage Industries in every Subdivision of the State for speedy disposal of work in this Department ?

- (b) Whether there is any officer of the Department at Golaghat ?
- (c) If not, whether the people have to go to Jorhat for any instruction or work ?
- (d) Whether Government propose to establish a Cottage Industry office at Golaghat by posting one Superintendent of Cottage Industries for development of Cottage Industries in this Subdivision from the sanctioned post ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Industries) replied :

177. (a)—No. There are at present only ten Superintendents with Headquarters at Shillong, Tura, Barpeta, Gauhati, Nowgong, Jorhat, Tinsukia, Diphu, Silchar and Aijal.

(b)—Yes, there are two extension officers dealing with matters pertaining to two development blocks besides one Manager of the Government Emporium at Golaghat.

(c)—Yes, people have to go to Jorhat.

(d)—Yes.

Re: Cement Factory at Cherrapunji

Shri DEVENDRA NATH SARMA (Gauhati) asked :

*178. Will the Minister of Industries be pleased to state—

- (a) The present position of the Cement Factory which was to be started at Cherrapunji ?
- (b) The present position of the proposed paper-pulp manufacturing project to be started somewhere in Cachar ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Industries) replied :

178. (a)—Assam Cements Limited are awaiting the machineries, for which they had placed orders on a Yugoslav Firm, which are expected by October next. The Company have also completed negotiations with the Industrial Finance Corporation for a loan of Rs. 95 lakhs and are considering appointing Managing Agents.

(b)—Negotiations for forest leases, etc., are in progress with the Forest Department and the Companies.

Re: Income and Expenditure of Handloom Emporium of Golaghat

Shri NARENDRA NATH SARMA (Bokakhat) asked :

*179. Will the Minister-in-charge of Industries be pleased to state—

- (a) What were the income and expenditure of Handloom Emporium of Golaghat in 1959, 1960 and 1961 ?

- (b) Whether it is a fact that there are some anomalies in the accounts and stocks of the Emporium ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that the present Manager is in suspension ?
- (d) What are the reasons ?
- (e) Whether Government has employed any Manager in the said Emporium ?
- (f) Whether it is a fact that the present site of the Emporium is not in the business place ?
- (g) Whether the Department propose to shift it to a better place ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Industries) replied :

179. (a)—Income and expenditure of Golaghat Emporium had been as under during the various years—

			Income	Expenditure
			Rs.	Rs.
1959-60	...	...	1,535.00	5,637.80
1960-61	..	...	1,070.00	5,439.66
1961-62	...	...	660.00	5,711.22

(b)—Yes.

(c)—Yes, the Manager of the Emporium for the period from 26th July 1958 to 3rd June 1961 is now under suspension.

(d)—The charges are (1) shortage of articles in the stock, (2) Misappropriation and (3) Gross mis-management.

(e)—No. The salesman of the Emporium is now holding charge of the Manager.

(f)—No, it is situated in the business place.

(g)—Does not arise.

Re : Production of Paddy

Shri MOHANANDA BORA (Bihpuria) asked :

*180. Will the Minister-in-charge, Agriculture be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether any detailed report about production of paddy per bigha in China has been received by Government from the Government of India, as stated in reply to starred question No.186, asked in the budget session of 1959 by Shri Gopesh Namasudra ?

- (b) Whether Government have any information about the actual maximum, minimum and average production of paddy per bigha in China, Japan and other paddy-producing countries of the world and if so, what are those figures ?
- (c) Whether Government are aware of the average yield of paddy per bigha in Madras, Andhra, Orissa, West Bengal, Kerala and Bombay and if so, what are these figures and what is the Assam figure ?
- (d) Whether any experimental increase is made in any of the Government managed farms and if so, to what extent ?
- (e) Whether it can be introduced among our cultivators ?

Shri MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Agriculture) replied :

180. (a)—No detailed report has been received as yet from the Government of India. They are being requested to furnish the same early.

(b)—The figures are as follows—

Yield Rate of Paddy

Country	1948-49 and 1952-53	1957-58	1958-59	1959-60
	100 Kg/Hectare			
(1) Italy	48.5	50.6	54.8	52.4
(2) Spain	46.6	57.4	57.8	57.7
(3) Burma	14.6	13.5	16.5	17.0
(4) Cambodia**	12.2	11.2	9.5	10.5
(5) Ceylon****	12.9	14.1	15.2	15.5
(6) China, Taiwan	22.1	29.2	30.3	29.7
(7) India	11.1	11.8	14.0	13.6
(8) Japan	40.0	44.3	46.2	47.5
(9) Korea South	27.8	29.4	29.4	29.4
(10) Laos*****	6.4	8.2	7.5	8.0
(11) Pakistan	13.8	13.9	13.2	14.8
(12) Philippines	11.8	10.2	11.1	11.0
(13) Thailand	13.1	12.8	13.8	13.9
(14) Vietnam South*	13.6	11.7	18.9	21.2

NOTE:—* Average of 3 years. **Average of 4 years. ****1952-53—1954-55.
*****Average of 2 years.

SOURCES:—Production Year book of 1960, Volumn 14, published by the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations—Rome,

(c)—Yes. The figures are as follows—

Yield rate of paddy 1959-60

	Yield per Hectare in KG,						KG
(1) Assam	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,548
(2) Andhra	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,997
(3) Bombay	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,503
(4) Kerala	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,184
(5) Madras	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,388
(6) Orissa	..	..	..	..	..	..	899
(7) West Bengal	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,536

(d)—In the year 1959-60 a comparative study was made of the three methods of paddy cultivation: Chinese, Japanese and local methods. The yields obtained and the expenditure incurred are furnished below—

	Yield per acre		Cost per acre	
	Mds.		Rs.	
1. Chinese method	..	..	31.87	2,291.20
2. Japanese method	..	..	38.33	349.00
3. Local method	..	..	34.77	314.00

(e)—The improved method can be introduced amongst our cultivators but this will have to be kept confined to areas where irrigation facilities exist or there is assured supply of water.

Shri MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Agriculture): Sir, if you kindly permit me, I can place the figures on the Library Table, instead of reading them out.

Mr. SPEAKER: Yes.

Shri MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY: The replies will therefore, be:—

180. (a)—No detailed report has been received as yet from the Government of India. They are being requested to furnish the same early.

(b)&(c)—The figures are placed on the Library Table.

(d)—(The Minister read out the printed reply.)

(e)—(The Minister read out the printed reply.)

Shri SANTI RANJAN DASGUPTA (Lumding): What is the average yield of paddy per acre in Assam?

Shri MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY: It varies from area to area. The figures have already been given in the various publications of the Government.

Re : Accountant for Civil Surgeons' Offices

Shri TAJUDDIN AHMED (Tarabari) asked :

*181 Will the Minister-in-charge of Medical be pleased state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that there is no Accountant in the Civil Surgeon's office and that one clerk does all the accounts works including pay bill?
- (b) Whether Government is aware that now-a-days the work of the Civil Surgeon's office has increased 10 times than before?
- (c) Why more Assistants or an Accountant cannot be given?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister, Medical) replied :

181. (a) —Yes.

(b)—The work load of the Civil Surgeon's offices has increased considerably.

(c)—An Accountant will be posted for each of the Civil Surgeon's office.

Re : Subordinate Staff of the Civil Hospitals

Shri TAJUDDIN AHMED (Tarabari) asked :

*182. Will the Minister of Medical be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that transfer orders and earned leave orders of the subordinate staff of Civil Hospitals are done from the Directorate of Health Services, Shillong?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that even earned leave orders are not sanctioned for months together?
- (c) Why these powers cannot be delegated to the Civil Surgeon's and Subdivisional Medical Officers?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister, Medical) replied :

182. (a)—Leave, transfer, etc., in respect of non-gazetted staff working in the Civil Hospitals and which constitutes a particular State Cadre are sanctioned from Health Directorate.

(b)—No leave application is kept pending for months together in the Directorate. Leave application is disposed of as early as possible.

In the interest of Public Service leave to some of the staff may be refused sometime. The purpose for which one applies for leave is always taken into consideration.

(c)—The power of granting leave or transfer, etc., to staff which belong to a State Cadre and posted to various places in all the Districts of the State cannot be delegated to Civil Surgeons and Subdivisional Medical and Health Officers for administrative reasons. The District Officers are the controlling officers in respect of granting leave, etc., of the staff borne in the district cadre.

Re: Probation system, Borstal School

Shri DULAL CHANDRA BARUA (Jorhat) asked :

*183. Will the Minister-in-charge of Social Welfare be pleased to state—

(a) Why the probation system, Borstal School (Juvenile Jail) have not yet been started in Assam ?

(b) Whether Government made an attempt to find out the cause of the very few inmates accommodated in the District Shelters ?

(c) If so, when Government propose to take up inquiry ?

Shri CHATRASING TERON (Minister, Social Welfare) replied :

183. (a)—The Central Probation of Offenders Act, 1958, has since been brought into force in the two Districts of Assam, viz., Nowgong and Kamrup, with effect from 16th July, 1962. The Assam Probation of Offenders Rules, 1962 have also since been finalised. Necessary staff are being appointed very shortly.

The construction of buildings with a provision of Rs.9,29,600 for the Borstal School is in progress and action has been taken to frame an Assam Borstal Schools Act without which the school cannot be started. The construction of buildings is done by the State Public Works Department. Their requirements are far in excess of the limited plan provision and they have therefore submitted a phased estimate according to which the buildings are to be completed in 1964-65.

The delay was due to this limited plan provision and also to the fact that suitable land with sufficient area was not available in time.

(b)—The District Shelters are the feeder institutions of the State Home, Silchar for males released from correctional institutions. The District Shelters provide temporary stay to released prisoners, who are required in due course to be transferred to the State Home for receiving training for the purpose of their ultimate rehabilitation in society. As such the number of inmates in the District Shelters does not go very high at a time. The State Home, Silchar and District Shelters at Gauhati, Tezpur and Jorhat are run in hired buildings with limited accommodation. The numbers inmates is expected to increase when these Shelters and Home have buildings of their own.

(c)—Does not arise in view of reply to question (b).

Re: Community Development Blocks

Shri DEVENDRA NATH SARMA (Gauhati) asked:

- *184. Will the Minister, Community Development be pleased to state—
 (a) Whether it is a fact that the success of the Community Development Blocks so far achieved is very poor in comparison with the money spent?
 (b) If so, the reasons thereof?

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Deputy Minister, Panchayat, etc.) replied:

184. (a)—No.
 (b)—Does not arise.

Re: Settlement of Land in Shillong

Shri TAJUDDIN AHMED (Tarabari) asked:

- *185. Will the Minister, Revenue be pleased to state—
 (a) Whether it is a fact that the settlement of land in Shillong has been stayed?
 (b) If so, since which date?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Minister of State, Revenue) replied:

185. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Allotment within the Shillong Municipal area has been stayed since 24th May 1961.

Re: Formula of Seniority in the Medical Department

Shri MAL CHANDRA PEGU [Majuli (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] asked:

- *186. Will the Minister-in-charge of Medical be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether a formula fixing the seniority of the wings of the Medical Department in the amalgamated set up was adopted by Government on 4th May 1961.

(b) If so, whether the formula was given effect to ?

(c) If not, why not ?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister, Medical) replied :

186. (a)—Yes.

(b)—No.

(c)—The formula evolved does not seem to satisfy many employees, so the formula is being reviewed on the basis of representation received

Re: Line Buses

Shri MAHADEB DAS [Bhabanipur (Reserved for Scheduled Castes)] asked :

*187. Will the Minister, Transport be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government are aware that in most of the lines buses carry more than their capacity causing great difficulties and danger to the passengers ?

(b) Whether Government propose to constitute a traffic control Board for each subdivision through out the State with the local leading persons ?

Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister, Transport) replied :

187. (a)—Overloading of passengers in buses running on many transport routes has come to notice generally.

(b)—Such overloading is checked by Police and Mobile Courts organised to detect and impose punishment for the same. The District Transport Officer, the Enforcement Inspectors and Checkers also carry out surprise checks to detect and prevent overloading of passengers in public service vehicles.

To eliminate scope for overloading, Regional Transport Authorities periodically review the position and increase the number of stage carriage permits according to necessity.

Government do not consider that constitution of Traffic Control Boards with local leading persons will improve matters.

Re: Defalcation and Misappropriation cases of Panchayat

Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH (Amguri) asked :

*188. Will the Minister, Panchayat be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that defalcation and misappropriation cases of Panchayat and Block Funds, are increasing each year since 1960-61 ?

- (b) Whether it is a fact that Government have made a departmental enquiry by an audit staff in the Panchayat and Community Development Department consisting of six Officers, a team of about forty Auditors besides a number of Accountant and other staff?
- (c) Whether Departmental check on Panchayat and Block Funds, has become really effective?
- (d) If not, whether Director of Accounts, Assam can be entrusted with these responsibilities?
- (e) Whether Government be pleased to fix the headquarters of the Departmental Accounts Officers in the regions with Regional Development Commissioners of the Panchayat and Community Development Department and place adequate Audit and Accounts Staff under those Officers so that effective check can be exercised on the Panchayat and Block Funds?

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Deputy Minister, Community Development and Panchayat, etc.) replied:

188. (a)—No.

(b)—No such departmental enquiry was made.

(c)—The number of instances of financial irregularities coming to notice of Government shows that the check has been effective.

(d)—Does not arise.

(e)—More Auditors have been appointed and they are being posted to the Subdivision, to increase the number of audit of each Anchalik Panchayat and Gaon Panchayat. In view of this, it is not considered necessary at this stage to attach Accounts staff with the Regional Assistant Development Commissioners.

Re: Erosion of Sualkuchi

Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH (Amguri) asked:

*189. Will the Minister, Public Works Department (Embankment and Drainage) be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government is aware that Sualkuchi in Kamrup District is badly affected by erosion of Brahmaputra since last few years?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that about 40 houses were eroded and washed away last year?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that this year too, this Sualkuchi the Silk producing centre of Assam, is being affected by erosion?

- (d) If so, what steps Government have taken to protect Sualkuchi from erosion ?

Shri MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY [Minister, Public Works Department (Flood Control)] replied :

189. (a)—Yes, only Bamun Sualkuchi village has been affected by the Brahmaputra erosion since 1958-59.

(b)—No. The houses numbering about 40 had been timely shifted to safe area by the owners.

(c)—Only slight erosion has taken place so far during this year.

(d)—Temporary protection measures at a cost of Rs.20,000 were taken last year. Due to paucity of fund no permanent measure which is rather costly can be taken during Third-Plan period.

Re: Veterinary Dispensary at Nemuguri

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA (Thowra) asked :

*190. Will the Minister-in-charge of Veterinary be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that the public of Bokota Mouza as well as the Mandal Congress Committee and Anchalik Panchayat moved the Government for the last 5 years to establish a Veterinary Dispensary at Nemuguri in Sibsagar Sub-division ?
- (b) Whether Government enquired as to how many cattle population died in that mauza every year during the period of last five years ?
- (c) What are the Veterinary Dispensaries serving in that mauza ?
- (d) Whether it is also a fact that there are no facility of such dispensaries at an average distance of 15 miles radius ?

Shri MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Veterinary) replied :

190. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Mauza-wise mortality figures are not maintained. The figures for Nazira Veterinary Circle, under which Bokota falls, for the last five years is about 800 heads of cattle.

(c) & (d)—Nazira Veterinary Dispensary, dispensaries at Sibsagar and Demow Development Blocks which are situated within the radius of 12 miles from Nemuguri are serving that mauza.

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI (Minister of State, P.W.D.) : Sir, the name of the questioner will be Shri Durgeswar Saikia, not Durgeswar Goswami.

Mr. SPEAKER : Yes, it will be corrected.

Re : Report Published in *Statesman* under Caption "Petitioner set free"

Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH (Amgur) asked :

*191. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether the attention of the Government is drawn to a report published in *Statesman* on Friday the 15th June, 1962 at page seven, column two, under caption "Petitioner set free" ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that the District Magistrate, Khasi and Jaintia Hills had to tender unconditional apology to the Supreme Court which also warned him for certain lapses ?
- (c) If so, what are the reasons for which he had to tender apology and was warned ?
- (d) Why and when that person had been arrested for the first time ?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that he has submitted a notice under section 80 of the Civil Procedure Code to the Chief Secretary, Government of Assam for reasonable compensation ?
- (f) Whether it is a fact that for this notice, he had been re-arrested for the second time, i.e., on the 12th April, 1962 ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

191. (a)—Yes.

(b) & (c)—An undertrial prisoner submitted a *Habeas Corpus* Petition to the Hon'ble Supreme Court through the Superintendent of Jail and District Magistrate, United Khasi and Jaintia Hills. In the process of ascertaining the duties and responsibilities of the forwarding Court, the Additional District Magistrate acting as District Magistrate caused some delay. The matter was explained to the Supreme Court and while accepting the unconditional apology of the Additional District Magistrate for this delay; the court observed that such a thing should not happen again.

(d)—The person was arrested by Police at 9-30 P. M. on 17th June 1961, under sections 395/397, I. P. C., in connection with Shillong Police station, case No.19(6)61.

(e)—Yes.

(f)—No. His re-arrest for the second time on 12th April 1962 had no connection with the notice served by him on the Chief Secretary to the Government of Assam. He was arrested in connection with Garikhana police station, case No.13(4)62, under sections 457/380, I. P. C.

Re: Settlement of Land at Barpeta**Shri MADHUSUDHAN DAS (Barpeta)** asked :***192.** Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether the Government is aware that a piece of Sarkari Land (along the Barpeta-Howli Public Works Department, Road) in Sankuchi area, reserved for extension of Barpeta Town has been settled with a gentleman of Marawari Community recently ?
- (b) If the answer is in affirmative, who recommended him for settlement ?
- (c) Whether he is a resident of Barpeta Town ?
- (d) The date of application seeking settlement and the date of granting settlement ?
- (e) The purpose of settlement ?
- (f) The amount of premium charged ?
- (g) Area settled with the applicant ?
- (h) Whether local business man will be given settlement of land there for similar purposes ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Minister of State, Revenue) replied :

192. (a)—A plot of land measuring 1 bigha has been dereserved from the Sankuchi Village Grazing Ground and settled with M/S. Madan Mohan and Company. This was not reserved for extension of Barpeta Town.

(b)—The Land Settlement Advisory Committee, Barpeta recommended the settlement.

(c)—He is a business man of the Barpeta Town.

(d)—The date of application is 4th November, 1960 and the date of settlement order is 15th July 1961.

(e)—For installation of a Petrol Pump.

(f)—Rupees 500 at 50 per cent of the market value.

(g)—One bigha only.

(h)—Any application for settlement of land in this area will be considered on the merit of the case.

Re: Flood-damaged Village Roads

Shri MAHADEB DAS [Bhabanipur (Reserved for Scheduled Castes)] asked :

*193. Will the Minister-in-charge of Panchayat be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government received some proposals for the construction of flood damaged village Roads from Flood Relief Emergency Fund during the year 1962 from the President of Barpeta Mohkuma Parishad ?
- (b) If so, what are the proposals ?
- (c) Whether Government has sanctioned the said proposal ?
- (d) If not, why not ?

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Deputy Minister, Panchayat) replied :

193. (a)—No.

(b), (c) & (d)—Do not arise.

Re: Changa Local Board Inspection Bungalow

Shri MAHADEB DAS [Bhabanipur (Reserved for Scheduled Castes)] asked :

*194. Will the Minister-in-charge of Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government are aware that the Changa Local Board Inspection Bungalow has now become a no man's property after the abolition of Local Board ?
- (b) Whether Government will be pleased to take necessary steps for the maintenance of the said Local Board Inspection Bungalow ?
- (c) If not, why not ?
- (d) Whether Government will be pleased to convert the said Bungalow into a Public Works Department Inspection Bungalow in this financial year ?
- (e) If not, why not ?

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Deputy Minister, Panchayat) replied :

194. (a)—After abolition of Local Boards all properties of the defunct Local Boards have vested with the respective Deputy Commissioners and Subdivisional Officers. For proper maintenance of all Local Board Inspection Bungalows, Guest Houses and other buildings, the question of handing these over to the Public Works Department is under consideration of Government.

(b)—As at (a) above.

(c)—Does not arise.

(d)—That will depend on the requirements of Government (Public Works Department).

(e)—Does not arise.

Shri MOHANANDA BORA (Bihpuria): Sir, I have one supplementary. Whether the Government is aware that all these Inspection Bungalows belonging to Local Boards are now in a most deplorable condition and not fit for use by anybody?

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Deputy Minister, Panchayat): It might be in some case but the question of taking over of the Inspection Bungalows by the Public Works Department is under consideration.

Re: Memorial of late Maniram Dewan

Shri MADHUSUDHAN DAS (Barpeta) asked :

*195. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government propose to consider the desirability of constructing a suitable memorial to late Maniram Dewan the martyr of the 1st war of Independence?

(b) If so, whether they propose to acquire the site at Jorhat on which he was hanged by the alien Government?

(c) If not, why not?

(d) Whether the Government are aware that late Maniram Dewan wrote a history of Assam which is still in existence somewhere along with his other writings?

(e) If so, whether Government propose to publish the History and his other writings?

(f) If not, whether Government propose to make an enquiry regarding this matter?

Shri DEV KANTA BOROOAH (Minister, Education) replied :

195. (a)—Government may examine the matter.

(b) & (c)—Do not arise.

(d)—Yes. The first part of his chronicles has not as yet been traced out.

(e)—When the manuscripts are complete and his other writings found out, Government may consider to publish his writings.

(f)—This is being look into.

Re: Report of Inquiry Commission of Silchar Firing**Shri TARAPADA BHATTACHERJEE (Katigora)** asked :

*196. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that the Commission of Inquiry of Silchar firing has come to the conclusion that the police firing on the 19th May, 1961 was not only unjustified but also brutal ?
- (b) If so, what action Government propose to take against the officer who was responsible for firing ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

196. (a) & (b)—The Report of the Commission of Inquiry is under the consideration of the Government and the findings of the Commission cannot be disclosed at this stage.

Re: Barpeta Town**Shri MAHADEB DAS [Bhabanipur (Reserved for Scheduled Castes)]** asked :

*197. Will the Minister-in-charge of Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government is aware that Barpeta is a thickly populated town in the State ?
- (b) What is the total population of the Barpeta town and what is the total area ?
- (c) Whether Government has formulated any plan to form a Town Development Committee for systematic arrangement of extension and planned work ?
- (d) If not, whether Government will give proper consideration of this matter ?
- (e) If so, when ?

Shri CHATRASING TERON (Minister, Local Self-Government) replied :

197. (a)—Yes.

(b)—22,660—Population.

1½ sq. miles—Area.

(c)—No.

(d) & (e)—As and when the Barpeta Municipal Board will come up with such proposal to Government.

Re: Damage by Cyclones

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA (Thowra) asked :

*198. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government is aware that there were cyclones during the month of April last ?
- (b) If so, to what extent damage was caused, whether individual houses, public institutions like Namghars, Schools, etc., were felled or badly damaged ?
- (c) Whether Government allotted any special quota like C. I. Sheets to the affected people ?
- (d) If not, whether Government will consider such special allotment ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Minister of State, Revenue) replied :

198. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Properties worth Rs.27,16,730, were damaged by cyclone including individual houses and public institutions like Namghars, Mosques, Mandirs, Educational Institutions and Libraries. Besides the properties there was lost of 4 human lives including 93 cattle.

(c)—No special quota of C. I. Sheet has been allotted for the affected people, but a special quota of 500 bundles of C. I. Sheets have been placed at the disposal of the Education Department for reconstruction of the damaged Educational Institutions, etc.

(d)—Government of India have already been moved to make a special allotment of 200 tons (approximate 2,000 bundles) C. I. Sheets for the relief of the people affected by cyclones of this State.

Re: Construction of flood damaged Barpeta Municipal Board Roads

Shri MAHADEB DAS [Bhabanipur (Reserved for Scheduled Castes)] asked :

*199. Will the Minister-in-charge of Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government received some proposals for the construction of flood damaged Barpeta Municipal Board roads and Sarthebari Town Committee roads from flood relief emergency fund during the year 1962 from the Chairman of Barpeta Municipal Board and Chairman of Sarthebari Town Committee ?
- (b) If so, what are the proposals ?
- (c) Whether Government has sanctioned the said proposals ?
- (d) If not, why not ?

Shri CHATRASING TERON (Minister, Local Self-Government) replied :

199. (a)—No.

(b), (c) & (d)—Do not arise.

Re : Drainage System in Barpeta Municipality

Shri MAHADEB DAS [Bhabanipur (Reserved for Scheduled Castes)] asked :

*200. Will the Minister-in-charge of Local Self-Government be pleased to State—

- (a) Whether Government is aware that the system of present drainage in Barpeta Municipality is unplanned and unhygienic ?
- (b) Whether Government is aware that many public petition have been submitted to the Municipality for improvement of drainage ?
- (c) If so, whether Government proposes to direct the Municipality to take a planned programme in the matter ?

Shri CHATRASING TERON (Minister, Local Self-Government) replied :

200. (a) & (b)—The hon'ble Member's attention is drawn to the replies given to Assembly Question No.537, asked by him in the Budget, 1961 Session of the Assembly.

(c)—The Barpeta Municipal Board have taken up the filling up of the Fatahatijan. They have started the work but it has not yet been completed for want of funds.

Re : Construction of National Highway

Raja AJIT NARAYAN DEB (Kokrajhar) asked :

*201. Will the Minister of Public Works Department be pleased to State—

- (a) Whether the road between miles 155 and 158 on the National Highway 31 is under construction for a long time ?
- (b) When the construction work started and how long it is proposed to continue "under construction" ?
- (c) Whether any diversion as an alternative route was constructed at the time when the main road was dug for soling ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI [Minister of State, Public Works Department (R. and B.)] replied :

201. (a)—Remetalling and surfacing work on National Highway in route 31 mile 156th to 159th was started in November, 1960 and is in progress.

(b)—In November, 1960 and expected to be completed by March 1963.

(c)—No. The side berms were wide enough and vehicular traffic were allowed to pass over the side berms.

Raja AJIT NARAYAN DEB (Kokrajhar): Will the Minister be pleased to state whether he has received any complaint from anybody?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI [Minister of State, P. W. D., (R.&B.)]: No, Sir.

Shri SARAT CHANDRA SINHA (Golokganj): Is the progress of work very slow?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI [Minister of State, P. W. D., (R. and B.)]: It seems slow due to certain reasons. The side berms could not be developed because of the low-lying area and also because of it being occupied by people and the short supply of machineries, etc.

Raja AJIT NARAYAN DEB (Kokrajhar): Will the hon'ble Minister be pleased to enquire whether the Executive Engineer-in-charge of that road received any complaint from anybody?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI [Minister of State, P. W. D., (R. and B.)]: Yes, Sir, I shall enquire into it.

Re: Re-organisation of District Officers

Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI (Titabar) asked:

*202. Will the Minister-in-charge of Finance be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that staff committee has unanimously recommended suggesting to constitute a re-organisation committee in the line of the one formed in 1941 for the district offices?
- (b) Whether Government will be pleased to constitute such a committee for Government officers of the district?
- (c) Whether Government is aware that the volume and nature of work in the district offices at present are increased and a re-organisation is a long-felt necessity?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that the highest ministerial job in the district offices is the post of the Revenue Sheristadar or the Head Assistant which are in existence from the old days and no upgrading of the posts has been made?

- (e) Whether it is a fact that several re-organisations and upgrading of posts in the Secretariat and Heads of Departments have been made during the recent years considering the change and increased volume of work ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

202. (a)—Yes.

(b)—No. However, the question of reorganisation of the existing services in the districts with a view to rationalisation of work load and efficiency has been included in the terms of reference of the Pay Committee 1962.

(c)—Government is aware that the volume of work in the district offices is increasing day by day and the question of re-organisation is constantly engaging the attention of Government.

(d)—Yes.

(e)—Recently, in the offices of the Heads of Departments, post of 'Superintendents' and 'Head Assistants' have been re-designated as 'Registrars' and 'Superintendents' respectively (with effect from 10th November 1961). In the Secretariat only the posts of 'Assistants Secretaries' have been re-designated as 'Under-Secretaries' but without any change of status or pay (with effect from 10th October 1960).

Re : Irrigation works in Golaghat Subdivision

Shri NARENDRA NATH SARMA (Bokakhat) asked :

*203. Will the Minister-in-charge of Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) The amount allotted to the Golaghat Subdivision for minor irrigation works in 1961 ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that the entire amount was not expended in the year and if so what are the reasons of non-implementing the scheme ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that huge amount sanctioned for the Small Irrigation Project was surrendered in 1961 ?

(d) Whether Government will be pleased to enquire why this essential work is not implemented ?

(e) Whether it is a fact that large works of such projects which are completed by the cultivators did not receive grant ?

(f) If so, what are those projects ?

Shri MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Agriculture) replied :

203. (a)—Rs.26,000.

(b)—Yes, a sum of Rs.14,181.15 nP. out of a provision of Rs.26,000 was spent during the year. The entire provision under this scheme could not be spent as most of the field staff had to remain engaged in the General Election duties since January 1962, due to which there was not enough time to survey and prepare sufficient number of schemes.

(c)—A sum of Rs.11,818.85 nP. out of a total provision of Rs.26,000 was surrendered during the year 1961-62 for the reason stated in (b) above.

(d)—The amount could not be utilised due to reasons stated in (b) above.

(e)—No payment was held up in respect of any of the sanctioned projects which were completed during the year 1961-62.

(f)—Does not arise.

Re : Dekhow Bund

Shri KHOGENDRANATH BARBARUAH (Amguri) asked :

*204. Will the Minister, Public Works Department (E. and D.) be pleased to state—

(a) Whether the Bund on Dekhow left bank from Namdangmukh to Dekhowmukh of Sibsagar Subdivision is completed ?

(b) If not, the reasons for delay ?

(c) The amount so far spent for the work ?

(d) Who were the contractors and their respective addresses ?

(e) The time when the completion may be expected ?

Shri MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Flood Control) replied :

204. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Does not arise.

(c)—Up-to-date expenditure is Rs.73,390.00 nP.

(d)—List of contractors with their names and addresses is placed on the Library Table.

(e)—Does not arise in view of reply to (a) above.

Re : Pending Cases in Barpeta Civil Court

Shri TAJUDDIN AHMED (Tarabari) asked :

*205. Will the Minister, Judicial be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that there are some cases in Barpeta Civil Court Office pending since 1956 ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that disposed of cases of Barpeta Civil Court Office could not be sent to the record room since 1955-56 ?

(c) What are the reasons for this delay ?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Law) replied :

205. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—Sometimes suits come on remand from the Appellate Court resulting in the Trial of the suits afresh. In some cases, due to the death of the party pleadings have got to be amended. This also results in delay in disposal of the suits. The Survey Commission for Local Investigation issued in some cases also results in delay in disposal of the suits. Action is being taken for sending the case records to the record room.

Re : Memorandum of All-Assam Process Servers

Shri MALCHANDRA PEGU [Majuli (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] asked :

*206. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether he has received a Memorandum recently from the All-Assam Process Servers' Association demanding their various grievances to be fulfilled by Government ?
- (b) If so, what step Government propose to take in order to meet their grievances ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

206. (a)—No Memorandum has been received. A copy of the proceedings of the 22nd Session of the Association held on 25th December 1961 has been received by the Government.

(b)—The grievances as recorded in the resolutions are under examination.

Re : Khadi and Village Industries Board

Shri DULAL CHANDRA BARUA (Jorhat) asked :

*207. Will the Minister for Khadi and Village Industries be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether the Khadi and Village Industries Board was dissolved along with the last Assam Legislative Assembly ?
- (b) If so, whether the President and the Secretary also became defunct along with dissolution of the last Khadi and Village Industries Board ?

(c) Who is or are functioning as the President and Secretary of the Board from the date of dissolution of the Board till now (13th July, 1962) ?

Shri MAHENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Minister, Khadi and Village Industries) replied :

207. (a)—Yes, the last Board was dissolved by Government with effect from 1st March 1962 by a Notification in the *Assam Gazette*.

(b)—No, Government have allowed the Chairman and the Secretary of the last Khadi and Village Industries Board to continue to function as such till reconstitution of the new Board.

(c)—Shri M. N. Hazarika, Minister-in-charge of Khadi and Village Industries and Shri R. N. Nabis are functioning as the Chairman and the Secretary of the Board respectively.

Re : Location of Sericultural Farms

Shri KHOGENDRANATH BARBARUAH (Amguri) asked :

*208. Will the Minister, Sericulture be pleased to state—

(a) The location of Sericultural Farms of the State ?

(b) The receipts and expenditures of these farms during the Second Plan period ?

(c) Why these farms are becoming losing concerns of the State ?

Shri MAHENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Minister, Sericulture and Weaving) replied :

208. (a)—Location of Sericultural Farms (Mulberry)—

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| 1. Gaurisagar. | 7. Tura. |
| 2. Titabor. | 8. Shillong. |
| 3. Diphu. | 9. Jowai. |
| 4. Senchoa. | 10. Aijal. |
| 5. Agia. | 11. Mangaldai. |
| 6. Howli. | 12. Pailapool. |

(b)—(i) Receipts—Rs.26,934.13 nP.

(ii) Expenditures—Rs.16,55,840.79 nP.

(c)—The Sericultural Farms established by this Department are neither revenue earning projects nor commercial concerns. The main objects of the Sericultural Farms are production and supply of disease free healthy seeds at a nominal price and free supply of high yielding varieties

of mulberry cutting and graft in order to enable the sericulturists of the State to expand their activities as well as to improve their economic condition taking up the rearing and reeling, etc., as subsidiary occupation during their agricultural off seasons.

Re: Subsidy and Loan for development of Khadi and Village Industries

Shri DEVENDRA NATH SARMA (Gauhati) asked :

*209. Will the Minister-in-charge of Khadi and Village Industries be pleased to state—

- (a) The amount of subsidy and loan given by the Central Government during 1959-60 and 1960-61 for development of Khadi and Village Industries ?
- (b) Whether the amount given has been fully utilised or any amount has lapsed ?

Shri MAHENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Minister, Khadi and Village Industries) replied :

209. (a)—

			Subsidy Rs.	Loan Rs.
1959-60	...	...	53,855.52	2,20,258.50
1960 61	...	...	1,40,080.09	9,52,612.50

(b)—In 1959-60, the whole amount received as subsidy and loan was fully utilised. In 1960-61, the whole amount received as subsidy was fully utilised, but out of the amount received as loan during 1960-61, only Rs.3,32,479.83 nP. was utilised. The unspent balance amounting to Rs.6,20,132 67 nP. was already surrendered to the Khadi and Village Industries Commission.

Shri SARAT CHANDRA SINHA (Golokganj): মন্ত্রী মহোদয়ে কৈছে যে ৬ লাখটেকে টকা ঘুৰাই দিয়া হৈছে, ইয়াৰ কাৰণ কি ?

Shri MAHENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Minister, Khadi and Village Industry): এই টকা খাদি কমিশ্যানে কেতিয়াবা জানুৱাৰী, কেতিয়াবা ফেব্ৰুৱাৰী, মাৰ্চ আৰু কেতিয়াবা এপ্ৰিল মাহতো দিয়ে। তেতিয়া সেই টকা খৰচ কৰাৰ সময় নথকা কাৰণেই দিব লগীয়া হৈছে।

Re: Employees of the Fisheries Department

Shri MAHADEB DAS [Bhabanipur (Reserved for Scheduled Castes)] asked :

*210. Will the Minister-in-charge of Fisheries be pleased to state—

- (a) How many employees are there in the Fisheries Department in Assam (Subdivision-wise) ?
- (b) How many of them are Gazetted ?
- (c) How many of them are Non-Gazetted ?
- (d) How many of them belong to the Scheduled Caste ?

Shri MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Fisheries) replied :

210. (a)—446. A subdivision-wise showing the number of employees is placed on the Library Table,

(b)—16.

(c)—430

(d)—56 (2 Gazetted, 18 Non-Gazetted and 36 Grade IV).

Re: State Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Board

Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH (Amguri) asked :

*211. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that a regular Secretary is not appointed to the State Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Board since 1954 ?

(b) If so, why ?

(c) Whether Government propose to appoint one from amongst the *ex*-Servicemen to the post ?

(d) Whether it is a fact that the Secretary, District Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Board, Nowgong is a full time official who draws pay, dearness allowance, travelling allowance, etc., but he does not attend office ?

(e) Whether Government will be pleased to enquire and state whether it is a fact that he sits in his own Pharmacy, attends T. B. Ward, Civil Hospital, Nowgong and is seen moving in Nowgong College where he is the Medical Officer in that College ?

(f) Why such a busy person is put there who is regularly absent during office hours and has scarcely any time to attend to the matters relating to *ex*-servicemen ?

(g) Why the rest camp of *ex*-servicemen was closed ?

(h) Whether it is a fact that according to the standing order quarterly meeting of the *ex*-servicemen is to be held under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner of each District ?

(i) If so, whether it is followed ?

(j) Whether Government propose to make the office of the State Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Board both in District and State level by *ex*-servicemen ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

211. (a)—No, there is a regular Secretary, *viz.*, the State Transport Commissioner who in addition to his own duties, functions as the Secretary of the State Seldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Board.

(b)—The services of the last whole-time Secretary, who was an *ex-serviceman*, had to be terminated in July, 1954 for gross mismanagement and misconduct. The work had therefore, to be entrusted to some experienced administrative officer of the State Government so as to run the office on right lines. That arrangement is still being continued for non-availability of a suitable *ex-serviceman* for the post of Secretary of the Board.

(c)—Not at present, in view of reply to question (b) above.

(d)—There was a whole-time Secretary of the District Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Board, Nowgong for the period of up to 10th June 1962 and he need to attend office. One of the E. A. Cs of Nowgong has since been appointed as a part-time Secretary in his place as a temporary arrangement until the services of a suitable *ex-serviceman* are available.

(e)—The last incumbent of the post of Secretary being a medical practitioner attended the T. B. Ward attached the Civil Hospital, Nowgong once a week from 9 A.M. to 10 A.M.

(f)—He has been relieved from the post of Secretary at his own request with effect from 10th June 1962.

(g)—The rest camp has been closed due to paucity of funds. Besides, only a few *ex-servicemen* were using it.

(h)—According to the standing order, quarterly meetings of the District Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Board but not of *ex-servicemen* are required to be held under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner who is also the President of the District Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Board and that is done.

(i)—Does not arise in view of reply to (h) above.

(j)—The office of the State Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Board and the offices of the District Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Board are already manned by *ex-servicemen* excepting a few vacancies by civilians who would be replaced by suitable *ex-servicemen* as and when available.

Re: Shares of the Noonmati Oil Refinery

Shri PABINDRA NATH SARMA (Nalbari, East) asked:

*212. Will the Minister, Industries be pleased to state how many shares the Government has purchased in connection with the Noonmati Oil Refinery and what is their total value?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied:

212.—It has been decided by the Government of India that the total cost of the project which is Rs. 17.7 crores will be divided equally into equity capital and loan capital and that 15 per cent of the equity capital has been offered to the State Government.

Re: Scarcity of water in Barpeta town

Shri MAHADEB DAS [Bhabanipur (Reserved for Scheduled Castes)] asked :

*213. Will the Minister-in-charge of Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government are aware of the scarcity of water supply in Barpeta town ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that the Municipality is not in a position to give proper supply of water without Government help in the matter ?
- (c) If so, whether Government propose to help the Barpeta Municipality financially to improve its water supply ?

Shri CHATRASING TERON (Minister, Local Self-Government) replied :

213. (a)—Yes.

(b)—It is difficult to say so until it is known what amount will be required by the Barpeta Municipal Board for their Water Supply Scheme.

(c)—If the Board submits such a proposal, Government may consider.

Re: Town Committee of Sibsagar Subdivision

Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH (Amguri) asked :

*214. Will the Minister-in-charge of Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that the Nazira Town Committee of Sibsagar Subdivision is proposing to extend its area by including some nearby villages such as Gharpholia, Bahboria, etc., under the cadestial village Namati within the jurisdiction of Phulbari Baruah Goan Panchayat of Joktali Mouza ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that the Phulbari Baruah Gaon Panchayat and the people of these villages are filing petitions against inclusion of these villages in the Nazira Town Committee area ?
- (c) If so, whether Government propose to consider their prayer and direct the Town Committee to exclude these villages from the extension place ?

Shri CHATRASING TERON (Minister, Local Self-Government) replied :

214. (a)—Yes, but no formal proposal from the Town Committee has been received.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—All objections to extension of the area of the Town Committee will be considered on receipt of a formal proposal from the Town Committee.

Re: Adharsatra Lakhimi Co-operative Krishi Pam

Shri NARENDRA NATH SARMA (Bokakhat) asked :

*215. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that the Land Settlement Committee of Golaghat recommended to give the entire cultivable land of Bholaguri Ajalguri Beel of Dhekial Mouza in Golaghat Subdivision to Adharsatra Lakhimi Co-operative Krishi Pam ?
- (b) Why the land is not yet given to the Krishi Pam ?
- (c) Whether Government proposed to expedite the decision and give relief to the landless cultivators of Adharsatra and help the Co-operative Society ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Minister of State, Revenue) replied :

215. (a)—The Land Settlement Advisory Committee has not yet made any such recommendation.

(b)—The Land Settlement Advisory Committee held on 26th June 1961 referred the matter to a Sub-Committee for an enquiry and report about the eligibility of the Krishi Pam to get settlement of the land in question. The report of the Sub-Committee recommending settlement has been kept pending till the new Land Settlement Advisory Committee can sit and make their recommendation.

(c)—Government have advised the Sub-Divisional Officer, Golaghat, to place the matter before the new Land Settlement Advisory Committee.

Re: Permanency of Industries Department

Shri DULAL CHANDRA BARUA (Jorhat) asked :

*216. Will the Minister-in-charge of Industries be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that the Industries Department has been declared to be permanent ?
- (b) If so, whether service rules for the incumbents who are serving in the department have been framed and gradation list prepared ?
- (c) If not, why not ?
- (d) Whether Government propose to prepare the gradation list immediately ?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that the Post of Joint Director of Cottage Industries (Extension) has not yet been filled up ?

(f) If so, why not ?

(g) Whether the progress of work of the Department has not been hampered due to this ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Industries) replied :

216. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Service rules have been drafted, and steps have been taken to finalise the rules without delay. A gradation list of the officers is also under formation.

(c) —Both in respect of framing of service rules and preparation of gradation lists difficulties were experienced as prior to the formation of a composite Directorate of Industries in 1958, the staffs were dispersed over various offices which comprised the now defunct Directorate of Rural Development. These staffs were recruited through various agencies, and on different pay scales and terms and conditions.

(d)—Yes, as soon as possible.

(e)—Yes.

(f)—The post is being advertised by the Assam Public Service Commission.

(g)—Yes. But to mitigate the difficulty, Government created a post of Special Officer in the Directorate of Industries, which is continuing in lieu of this post.

Re: Conditions of Fishing in the Fisheries by the Lessees

Shri TAZUDDIN AHMED (Tarabari) asked :

*217. Will the Minister-in-charge of Fishery be pleased to state—

(a) What are the conditions which should be followed by the lessees of fisheries at the time of fishing ?

(b) Whether Government is aware that the lessees of the fisheries are not following the rules at the time of fishing ?

(c) To save the fishes from complete extinction, whether Government proposes to take necessary steps so that the lessees follow the conditions of fishing ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Minister of State, Revenue) replied :

217. (a)—Besides the usual obligations for the payment of the kists the conditions are—

(1) The fisheries are not to be drained out dry.

(2) The fisheries are to be kept clear of water hyacinth and other weeds.

- (3) Retting of Jute to be prohibited.
- (4) The lessees are not to use net with meshes less than $2\frac{1}{2}$ " square or moving Bans with Gaps less than $2\frac{1}{2}$ " square during the period from 1st April to 15th June.
- (5) By the right of fishing the lessees are not at liberty to cause injury to any produce, trees, crops, etc., within the limits of the fishery. He cannot exercise any right to levy duties or hinder or prevent any boat passing over or, anchoring within the limit of fishery. He cannot catch fish by means of poisoning or intoxicating drugs. The customary embankments and the channels are to be maintained in tact.
- (6) He is not to engage other than local fishermen in operating his fishery.

The various conditions that the lessees are to follow are enumerated in the rules for the settlement of Fisheries published in Government Notification No.RF.23/45/284, dated 15th April 1953. A copy of which is placed on the Library Table.

(b)—Government have no specific information.

(c)—There are provision in the rules under which local officers can deal with the lessees who do not follow the conditions at the time of fishing.

Shri SARAT CHANDRA SINHA (Golakganj): With regard to (4) may I know whether the Government has any machinery to examine and check that the conditions relating to the particular type of net are not violated ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Minister of State, Revenue): The Deputy Commissioners and the Subdivisional Officers ; besides, them fishery officers of the Department, have also been empowered to look into it.

Re: Loan Applications from Political Sufferers

Shri NARENDRA NATH SARMA (Bokakhat) asked :

*218. Will the Minister-in-charge of Cottage Industries be pleased to state—

- (a) How many Political Sufferers' loan applications were received by the Cottage Industries Department in 1960, 1961, 1962 ?
- (b) How many of them are disposed of till now ?
- (c) Who are the persons who received Political Sufferers' loan from Cottage Industries Department in 1959, 1960, 1961 ?
- (d) Whether any sufferers received such loan at Golaghat and whole of Sibsagar District during that period ?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that the Political Sufferers' loan of this kind cannot be disbursed for want of fund ?

(f) What are the reasons of giving hope to the sufferers of providing loans to them?

(g) Whether Government will provide fund to give Political Sufferers loan immediately?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Industries) replied :

218. (a)—Loan applications received from Political Sufferers during the various years are as under—

1960 ...	...	...	...	...	60 applications.
1961 ...	...	...	...	...	187 „
1962 ...	...	...	...	...	487 „

(b)—Two hundred and forty-five.

(c)—The Assam Aid to Industries (Small and Cottage Industries) Act was amended in 1960, wherein among others provision was made to advance loans to Political Sufferers. Hence, there was no case in 1959. A list of Political Sufferers who received Industrial loans during 1960 and 1961 is placed on Library Table.

(d)—One Political Sufferer from Golaghat and another from Sib-sagar were granted loans in 1960-61 and 1961-62 respectively.

(e)—Yes ; the provisions made in 1960-61 and 1961-62 were not sufficient to dispose of all the applications received from the Political Sufferers.

(f)—Government did not make any commitment that all the Political Sufferers who applied for Industrial loans would be given the loans in particular year. The Act was amended in 1960 to extend the benefit of Industrial loans to Political Sufferers for the purpose of their rehabilitation through productive work. Their applications were scrutinised according to the provisions of the Act and the Rules and loans were issued to deserving persons as far as possible.

(g)—Funds have been provided in the current year's budget for the purpose of granting Industrial loans under the Assam Aid to Industries (Small and Cottage Industries) Act, and loans will be issued to Political Sufferers as well as to other individuals from this provision.

Re : Jorhat Transport Bus-Station

Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH (Amguri) asked :

*219. Will the Minister, Transport be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government is aware that Jorhat Transport Bus-Station is the busiest one so far passengers and transport buses are concerned?

- (b) Whether Government is aware that its present office building is not convenient both for the side of the passengers as well as the staff?
- (c) What steps Government have taken to improve the station building at the earliest?
- (d) Monthly sale proceed (fare) of Jorhat, Gauhati, Shillong Stations?
- *220. (a) Whether Government is aware that the waiting rooms and lavatories of some Bus Stations, such as of Sibsagar, Jorhat, etc., are not spacious and in good condition?
- (b) What steps Government have taken to improve the waiting rooms and lavatories of these stations?

Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister, Transport) replied :

219. (a) —It is one of biggest and busiest Stations, of State Transport.

(b)—With rapid expansion of activities and increase in the volume of passenger traffic, improvement and expansion of the existing office building have become essential.

(c)—The workshop now located within the Station premises is being shifted to a new site where construction of new buildings has been mostly completed. With more space available for the use of the Station in its present location some improvement in facilities for both staff and users of State Transport services is expected. Plans for improvement and expansion of the existing station building are also under consideration.

(d)—Average monthly collection from fare and freight of passenger, luggage, parcel and goods booked including Out-Agency traffic transhipped in case of Gauhati-Shillong route from the Stations are shown below.

Jorhat—Rs.67,385.

Gauhati—Rs 3,19,439 (for Gauhati-Shillong route).

Gauhati—Rs.31,703 (Gauhati-Nowgong section).

220. (a)—Waiting rooms and Lavatories in Bus-Stations like Sibsagar and Jorhat are not ideal although every possible effort is made to maintain them in good condition.

(b)—On the workshop being shifted from the Jorhat station premises to its new site, the question of re-building the waiting rooms and Lavatories with increased capacity inside the station compound will receive due consideration,

At Sibsagar steps are being taken to re-build the soak pit in a new area with a view to improve the condition of Lavatories.

Re : Gauhati University Inquiry Committee**Shri LAKSHMI PRASAD GOSWAMI (Labarighat)** asked :

*221. Will the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether the Report of the Gauhati University Inquiry Committee has been published ?
- (b) Whether the present Vice-Chancellor of the Gauhati University has been censured in the Report ?
- (c) If so, whether the Government propose to advise the Chancellor for the removal of the present Vice-Chancellor from his office ?

Shri DEV KANT BOROOAH (Minister, Education) replied :

221. (a)—No. But the Report has been submitted to the Chancellor.

(b)—This will be known when the Report is placed before the University court.

(c)—Government will consider suitable action at the proper time

Re: Frequent resignations by Co-operative Officers**Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA (Thowra)** asked :

*222. Will the Minister-in-charge of Co-operative be pleased to state—

- (a) What is the reason that so many Co-operative Officers submit resignation very often ?
- (b) Whether it is due to the fact that the pay scale is not suitable ?
- (c) Whether Government proposed to raise the pay scale to attract competent people to make the Co-operative movement a success and thereby lessen the number of resignations ?

Shri LALIT KUMAR DOLEY (Deputy Minister, Co-operation) replied :

222. (a)—Reasons for submission of resignation by Co-operative Officers are (i) Appointment to better posts, (ii) For prosecuting higher studies and (iii) Family difficulties.

(b)—No.

(c)—The question of emoluments, etc., of State Government employees is likely to be placed before the Pay Committee for detailed examination and recommendations.

Re: The post of Deputy Director of Veterinary, Upper Assam

Shri DULAL CHANDRA BARUA (Jorhat) asked :

*223. Will the Minister-in charge of Veterinary be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that the post of Deputy Director of Veterinary, Upper Assam is vacant since July, 1961 ?
- (b) If so, why Government has not taken action for posting of an Officer immediately considering importance of the office from the Administrative point of view ?
- (c) Whether it is also a fact that a post of Assistant Deputy Director of Veterinary, Jorhat was created in 1957 with two office Assistants and no officer has yet been posted to hold the office ?
- (d) If so, what action has been taken by Government to maintain Administrative control in the District Veterinary Offices of Upper Assam ?

Shri MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Veterinary) replied :

223. (a)—Yes. The post of Deputy Director of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary, Jorhat is vacant since 30th July 1961 (A.N.).

(b)—Assam Public Service Commission has been moved for their nomination for these posts and their decision is awaited. Pending that the District Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Officer has been kept in charge.

(c)—In the re-organisation scheme sanctioned during 1957 it was proposed to shift the Headquarter of the Assistant Deputy Director, Animal Husbandry from Gauhati to Jorhat with his office staff, but that was not given effect to.

(d)—Assistant Deputy Directors are meant for assisting their respective Zonal Deputy Directors in matter relating to Livestock. Assam Public Service Commission has since been moved for their nomination for these posts and the two newly created posts of Assistant Deputy Directors have been advertised.

Re: Corrugated Iron Sheets

Raja AJIT NARAYAN DEB (Kokrajhar) asked :

*224. Will the Minister, Supply be pleased to state—

- (a) The quota of Corrugated Iron Sheets allotted to Assam for the consumption of (i) Private individuals, (ii) State, (iii) Educational Institutions and (iv) Other per year during the last three years ?

- (b) If the total quota for the last year was lifted by the Government ?
- (c) If not, why ?
- (d) If so, how much and when ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister, Supply) replied :

224. (a)—No separate allotments are made by Government of India to private individuals, State and Educational Institutions, etc., but their requirements are met from the allotments received from the Government of India under different quota heads, viz., Agricultural, Non-Agricultural, Government Development Scheme and Small Scale Industries quota. Allotments under these heads for the past 3 years are placed on the Library table.

(b)—No.

(c)—Allotment received from the Government of India in a particular year generally moves in the following years. This is due to procedural stages consequent on planning in the Office of the Iron and Steel Controller, Calcutta.

(d)—No movement has taken place yet against the allotment of last year.

Raja AJIT NARAYAN DEB (Kokrajhar) : Sir, may I know when we can expect the last year's quota to be lifted ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister, Supply) : Sir, there are certain difficulties regarding transport bottleneck, etc., and this is why it takes time to move things.

Mr. SPEAKER : When you will be able to overcome the difficulties ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA : Sir, the difficulties are there always, it is very difficult to overcome them.

Raja AJIT NARAYAN DEB : Sir, does the Minister know that the C.I. sheets are very scarce in the State due to their inability to lift the quota ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA : Sir, that is so.

Raja AJIT NARAYAN DEB : Sir, does the hon. Minister know that plenty of C.I. sheets are available in blackmarket ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA : Sir, I have no such information.

Raja AJIT NARAYAN DEB : Sir, will he please make an enquiry in that respect ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA : Sir, I do not find it necessary to make any enquiry. If there is any specific case of any specific area, then I may make an enquiry.

Raja AJIT NARAYAN DEB (Kokrajhar) : Sir, there is blackmarketing in Dhubri, Kokrajhar, Bongaigaon and everywhere. These are the specific cases.

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister, Supply) : Sir, I can not enquire into, unless there are any particular firms involved, known to me.

Re: The Chairman, Gauhati Development Authority

Shri DEVENDRA NATH SARMA asked :

*225. Will the Minister of Town and Country Planning be pleased to state—

- (a) The places visited outside Assam by the Chairman of the Gauhati Development Authority from the date of his joining as the Chairman of the same ?
- (b) The amount drawn by him or due to him on account of Travelling Allowance, Dearness Allowance, etc., for these visits ?
- (c) What were the purposes of these visits ?
- (d) The number of time he has visited Shillong in his official capacity and the number of days involved in tours to Shillong including the days of the up and down journeys ?
- (e) The amount drawn or due to him as Travelling Allowance for Shillong visits ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Town and Country Planning) replied :

225. (a)—Calcutta, Delhi, Chandigarh, Simla, Bombay and Madras.
- (b)—Rs.3,000.
- (c)—To have an on the spot study of the administration and working of the Improvement Trusts in these cities.
- (d)—22 times involving a total number of 70 days including the days for the up and down journeys.
- (e)—Rs.1,200.

Re: Small Hydro-electric Installation in Assam

Shri MOHANANDA BORA (Bihpuria) asked :

*226. Will the Minister-in-charge, Electricity be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government has examined the feasibility of small hydro-electric installations in Assam as is reported to have flourished in Japan by rural societies ?
- (b) Whether Government is aware that there are innumerable small rivers and streams which can be harnessed for smaller hydro-electric installations in various places and it will naturally reduce the cost of transmission to a great extent as well as serve the people extensively ?
- (c) Whether Government propose to depute some body to study it in Japan early ?
- (d) Whether Government propose to examine in the meantime its feasibility with the data in the hand of the Government

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Electricity) replied :

226. (a)—Possibility of setting up small hydro-electric installations in Assam is being investigated by the State Electricity Board.

(b)—Yes. In places where transmission lines are not likely to be extended streams are being gauged.

(c)—There is no such proposal under consideration of the Government at present.

(d)—Yes. This is being done.

Re: The Poor Fund at Dhubri

Raja AJIT NARAYAN DEB (Kokrajhar) asked :

*227. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether there is a poor fund at Dhubri collected and managed by the Deputy Commissioner's office ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that all applicants for anything are compelled to donate to the above fund ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that no receipt for money is given to any donor ?
- (d) The way the amount is spent and the way the accounts of the said fund are maintained ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

227. (a)—No.

(b) to (d)—Do not arise in view of reply to (a).

Raja AJIT NARAYAN DEB (Kokrajhar): Sir, will the Chief Minister be pleased to make an enquiry about it whether there is a poor fund or not ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister): Sir, we wrote to the Deputy Commissioner but there is no reply obtained from the Deputy Commissioner.

(Starred Questions No.228 Standing in the name of Shri Prabin Kumar Choudhury was not put and answered as the Member was absent).

Re: Loans for improvement of Fisheries

Shri MOHANANDA BORA (Bihpuria) asked :

*229. Will the Minister-in-charge of Fisheries be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether any loan for improving personal Fisheries has been granted in North Lakhimpur Subdivision and whether any grant has been sanctioned for any Fisherman in that Subdivision during the years 1960-61 and 1961-62 ?

- (b) If so, to whom it was given and whether there is any report of its utilisation ?
- (c) Whether there is any application for loan during the current year from individuals and constituted bodies ?
- (d) If so, who are they and for what amount they are praying ?

Shri MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Fishery) replied :

229. (a)—Yes. The loan was issued through Land Mortgage Bank.

A sum of Rs.1,020 was also placed at the disposal of six Anchalik Panchayats at Rs.170 to grant subsidy to the interested individuals for culture of fish in the domestic ponds.

(b)—Two persons were given loan during 1961-62—

- (1) Shri Ram Mohan Bhuyan, North Lakhimpur Town—
Rs.15,000.
- (2) Shri Nandesar Saikia, village Panbarigaon, Lakhimpur—
Rs.1,500.

Utilisation report has not yet been received by the Land Mortgage Bank.

(c)—Nine applications from individuals have been received by the Land Mortgage Bank.

(d)—

			Rs.
(1)	Shri Narendra Nath Bora	...	1,500
(2)	Shri Bhudhar Saikia	...	1,000
(3)	Shri Ananta Ram Neog	...	1,000
(4)	Shri Padma Nath Phukan	...	3,000
(5)	Shri Profulla Ch. Saikia	...	2,000
(6)	Shri Babul Bora	...	2,500
(7)	Shri Sita Ram Malla	...	14,000
(8)	Shri Sayed Abdul Rahman	...	2,300
(9)	Shri Taleb Ali Sekh	...	1,900

Re: Settlement of Land for Mungilal Hukumchand Park

Shri NARENDRA NATH SARMA (Bokakhat) asked :

*230. Will the Minister of Revenue be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that Government allotted fourteen bighas of land to Mungilal Hukumchand Firm of Bokakhat to establish the 'Mungilal Hukumchand Park' ?

- (b) Whether it is a fact that the said firm was allotted the land ten years ago ?
- (c) Whether that park has been opened for public use or not ?
- (d) Whether this land is a First Class Government land on the Trunk Road ?
- (e) Whether the Government propose to direct the firm to hand-over the Park to the public immediately ?
- (f) Whether Government propose to take steps and withdraw the grant in case fail to hand-over the Park to the public ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Minister of State, Revenue) replied :

230. (a)—No Government land was allotted to the Mungilal Hukumchand Firm to establish the "Mungilal Hukumchand Park". There is a park named "Mungilal Krishna Devi Park" in Bokakhat town which was established by the owners of the park on the periodic patta land purchased by them.

(b)—Does not arise.

(c)—No.

(d)—The periodic patta land of the above mentioned park is situated by the side of the Trunk Road and classed as first class trade site and second class residential site.

(e)—Government cannot do it according to law as the land is covered by periodic patta.

(f)—Does not arise.

(Starred Questions Nos. 231 and 232 Standing in the name of Shri Durgeswar Saikia were not put and answered as the member was absent).

Re: Gauhati Development Authority

Shri DEVENDRA NATH SARMA (Gauhati) asked :

*233. Will the Minister-in-charge, Town and Country Planning be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that the Chairman, Gauhati Development Authority has not convened meeting of the Gauhati Development Authority since last several months and thus he is managing the affairs of the Authority single-handed ?

(b) If so, why a committee of the Development Authority is being maintained ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Town and Country Planning) replied :

233. (a)—Yes, since the last meeting convened on 4th January 1962.

(b)—Meeting of the members of the Gauhati Authority will be called by the Chairman when matters requiring the approval of the Authority in a meeting come up.

Shri BISWADEV SARMA (Balipara): Sir, may I know when this Development Board was constituted ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Town and Country Planning): Sir, it was constituted in 1961.

Shri BISWADEV SARMA: Sir, is it a fact that since that time no meeting was convened ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI: Sir, there had been several meetings and the last meeting was convened on 4th January, 1962.

Raja AJIT NARAYAN DEB (Kokrajhar): Will the Minister be pleased to inform when the Secretary of the Board was appointed ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI: Long time ago.

Mr. SPEAKER: Who is the Secretary ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI: Sir, I have no name now.

Shri DEVENDRA NATH SARMA (Gauhati): Sir, I do not think that any Secretary has been appointed so far.

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI: Sir, the difficulty has arisen about the fixation of pay and a lot of correspondence has been made. I think it will now be finalised.

Shri DEVENDRA NATH SARMA: Sir, may I know why after that meeting of the January, 1961, there has no meeting been summoned by the Chairman ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI: Sir, it is not for me to explain.

Shri BISWADEV SARMA: Sir, may I know who is carrying out the function of the Secretary ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI: The Chairman himself.

Shri DEVENDRA NATH SARMA: Sir, may I know how without a Secretary and without any meeting the Chairman is managing the affairs of the Authority, at his own will ?

Re: Houses built for Slum Clearance purposes at Gauhati

Shri DEVENDRA NATH SARMA (Gauhati) asked :

*234. Will the Minister-in-charge, Town and Country Planning be pleased to state—

(a) The number of houses built for slum clearance purposes at Gauhati since 1958 upto date ?

(b) The total cost of construction of all those buildings ?

- (c) The total number of persons benefited by being shifted from slum areas ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that the entire amount spent in this connection has not come to any use to a single slum dweller ?
- (e) The total number of houses built for the same purpose in any place other than Gauhati ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Town and Country Planning) replied :

234. (a)—Three hundred sixty-two.
 (b)—Rupees 11.49 lakhs upto 30th June 1962.
 (c) & (d)—No slum dweller has yet taken advantage of these tenements.
 (e)—Nil.

Re: The publication of a book, namely, 'July'

Shri SANTI RANJAN DAS GUPTA (Lumding) asked :

*235. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the publication of a book, namely, 'July' written in Assamese by Shri Kanak Sen Deka, M.A., and published by Shri Gourie Publishers, Bharalumukh, Gauhati, in July 1962 ?
- (b) Whether the said book has been examined by the Advocate General, Assam, for its legal implications as to its contents and intention appear to tend towards encouragement of communal hatred and endangering an atmosphere among the public to undermine the Administration of the State by descriptions of unfounded events in the said publication ?
- (c) Whether the Government propose to take any action against this publication, namely, 'July' ?
- (d) Whether the Government would prefer to make an appeal to the Writers and Publishers of all books of such nature so that the relation in between the different linguistic groups residing in Assam may not deteriorate by such writings ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

235. (a)—Yes.
 (b)—No.
 (c)—The book has been examined and the question of taking any action at this stage does not arise.
 (d)—Government views in this regard are made known through various statements issued by Ministers.

Re: Shifting of the Railway line from the heart of Gauhati Town

Shri DEVENDRA NATH SARMA (Gauhati) asked :

*235A. Will the Minister of Town and Country Planning be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that there is a strong public demand for shifting of the Railway line from the heart of Gauhati towards the south ?

- (b) Whether he is aware that a preliminary survey for shifting the Railway line has been made ?
- (c) If so, the results of the same ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Town and Country Planning) replied :

- 235A. (a)—Yes.
 (b)—Yes.
 (c)—The matter is under consideration of Government.

Re: Seed Farm

Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH (Amguri) asked :

*236. Will the Minister, Community Project be pleased to state—

- (a) The number and acreage of each Seed Farm ?
- (b) The acreage of each Seed Farm put under paddy cultivation each year during the Second Five-Year Plan and the paddy produced by each farm ?
- (c) The cost of such production in each farm ?

Shri MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Agriculture) replied :

236. (a)—There are 144 Seed Farms. The area of such farm, is usually 25 to 30 acres although it greatly varies.

(b)—Information is not readily available. Annual production of paddy in these Seed Farms is about 10,000 to 15,000 Mds.

(c)—The cost of production varies from farm to farm. Generally it varies from Rs.5 to Rs.10 per Md. in case of Ahu paddy and Rs.8 to Rs.12 per Md. in case of Sali paddy.

Re: Number of Language disturbance affected people

Shri LAKSHMI PRASAD GOSWAMI (Laharighat) asked :

*237. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) The number of 1960 language disturbance affected people returned from West Bengal Camps to different places in Assam ?
- (b) How many of them have been rehabilitated till now ?
- (c) How many of them have been granted rehabilitation loan and at what rate ?
- (d) What is the number of Assamese families affected during 1960 disturbances ?
- (e) How many of them have been granted rehabilitation loan at what rate ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied:

237. (a)—3,912 families.

(b)—3,881 families.

(c)—2,434 families. On the basis of loss sustained by each family loans upto a maximum of Rs.1,000 and Rs.1,500 to Agriculturists and non-Agriculturist families respectively on personal security. Higher amounts have also been sanctioned in cases of heavy loss on mortgage of property.

(d)—596 families.

(e)—574 families were granted loan on the basis of loss sustained. Remaining 22 families were indirectly affected.

Re: Aerodrome at Nowgong District

Shri SANTI RANJAN DAS-GUPTA (Lumding) asked:

*238. Will the Minister, Transport be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government is aware of any proposal to open an Aerodrome at Nowgong District?

(b) If so, what is the present position?

(c) What steps the State Government have taken to represent to the Union Government to open any such Aerodrome in near future in view of growing public demand?

(d) What time it will take to materialise it?

Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Transport Minister) replied:

238. (a)—Yes. The State Government submitted proposals for constructing an Aerodrome and include Nowgong in the Indian Airlines Corporation flight schedules within the State.

(b)—It was indicated by the Director, Civil Aviation, that a site had been tentatively selected and meteorological data would be collected to consider the feasibility of taking up the project for an Aerodrome for completion during the 2nd Five-Year Plan.

(c)—The State Government drew the attention of the Director General, Civil Aviation, to the non-materialisation of the project during the 2nd Five-Year Plan and urging action for its early materialisation.

(d)—The State Government have been informed very recently that after survey of a site, preparation of estimates for construction of the Aerodrome and a Development Plan thereof, the proposals has been dropped is the Indian Airlines Corporation does not consider that the traffic potential of Nowgong justified the construction of an Aerodrome. The question of time for materialisation of the project does not arise in the circumstances.

Re: Transport difficulties in the Hills Areas

Shri DULAL CHANDRA BARUA (Jorhat) asked:

*239. Will the Minister-in-charge of Transport be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government is aware of the serious transport difficulties due to bottle-neck to the Hills areas like Shillong, Aijal, Tura and the consequent rise in the price in the index?

- (b) If so, how Government propose to tackle the problem ?
- (c) Whether Government proposed at any time to the Government of India for the construction of Railway lines to those hill stations ?
- (d) If so, with what result ?
- (e) If not, whether Government propose to do so now with view to reduce the cost of living in these hill stations ?

Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Transport Minister) replied :

239. (a)—Government is aware of transport difficulties in the hill areas like Khasi and Jaintia Hills, Mizo Hills and Garo Hills with their adverse effect on the general price level.

(b)—By improving means of communication in every possible manner.

(c)—Government have already recommended to the Government of India the construction of a Railway line from Pandu to Darangiri in the Garo Hills *via* Amjanga. Necessary data for constructing a railway line from Lala Railway Station in Cachar to Sairang in Mizo District were collected in 1957 with a view to examine the feasibility of a Railway line connecting Lala Railway Station in Cachar with Sairang in Mizo District. As the materials collected did not indicate sufficient justification for such a line the matter was not pursued with the Government of India. No proposal for construction of any railway line in the Khasi and Jaintia Hills District was submitted as it has been considered that a Ropeway Project from Shella to Amingaon would be a more economic and convenient mode of transport.

(d)—The Project for a railway line to Darangiri in Garo Hills is under examination of the Railway Ministry.

(e)—The feasibility of any proposal for a railway line in any of the Hills Districts in question will continue to receive Government's attention.

Re: Forest wood of Merapani Area

Shri NARENDRA NATH SARMA (Bokakhat) asked :

*240. Will the Minister of Forests be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that large quantity of Forest wood is taken away from Merapani area of Golaghat Subdivision by some contractors for the last three years ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that illegal wood sold under some Forest marks (properly hammered or so) and big stock of such woods were lately seized by the authority ?
- (c) Whether the Conservator of Forests enquired the whole matter with a special C. I. D. ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that smuggling of wood is continuing for the last three years unabated ?
- (e) Whether Government propose to enquire into the whole affairs and take proper steps for such loss of Government revenue ?

Shri LALIT KUMAR DOLEY (Deputy Minister, Forests) replied :

240. (a)—Yes. An investigation conducted during May and June 1962 has revealed that a large quantity of timbers have been stolen from Merapani during February to April 1962. It is suspected that similar illegalities in small scale also took place during 1961. It is not possible to say about the year 1960, since evergreen trees being deteriorating materials the older stumps and remains of felled materials deteriorate beyond recognition within 2 years.

(b)—Yes. The use of a counterfeit hammer in the above mentioned illegalities has been detected. Some logs as well as converted timber has been seized in the forests at Merapani as well as between Merapani, Golaghat and Jorhat and various places on the same route.

(c)—Conservator of Forests, Assam has enquired into the matter personally at the spot. The case has been handed over to police for investigation by C. I. D.

(d)—Reference is invited to (a) above.

(e)—Yes.

Re : Loan Petitions of Political Sufferers

Shri MOHANANDA BORA (Bihpuria) asked :

*241. Will the Minister, Political Sufferers be pleased to state—

(a) What has become of the loan petitions of Political Sufferers ?

(b) Whether Government is aware that majority of sufferers have applied for Agricultural loan ?

(c) Whether Government will give preference in case of granting Agricultural and other loans to Political Sufferers in the usual procedure ?

Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister, Political Sufferers) replied :

241. (a)—All the petitions received till the middle of 1961-62 have been disposed of. Some petitions received after that date are under scrutiny and will be disposed of as early as possible.

(b)—No.

(c)—Agricultural loan are given by the Central Land Mortgage Bank which does not issue loan without mortgage. Government have, however, decided to stand surety against Agricultural loans to be issued by the Land Mortgage Bank to the extent of Rs.1,000 only in each case. Except this guarantee Government are not in a position to give any other preference to Political Sufferers in issuing Agriculture and other loans.

Re : Amount paid to Assam Co-operative Apex Marketing

Shri DEVENDRA NATH SARMA (Gauhati) asked :

*242. Will the Minister of Co-operation be pleased to state—

- (a) The total amount paid to the Assam Co-operative Apex Marketing in the years 1960-61 and 1961-62 ?
- (b) The total amount returned by Apex Marketing in 1961-62 to the Government?

Shri LALIT KUMAR DOLEY (Deputy Minister, Co-operation) replied :

242. (a)—The total amounts paid to the Assam Co-operative Apex Marketing by the Assam Co-operative Apex Bank in the years 1960-61 and 1961-62 are Rs.2,00,00,000 and Rs.1,06,88,175.51 nP. respectively.

(b)—No amount was refunded to Government in 1961-62.

Re : Soil Conservation

Shri HARENDRA NATH TALUKDAR (Rampur) asked :

*243. Will the Minister of Agriculture be pleased to state why the expenditure under Soil Conservation have been or are being included in the Forest Department estimates and not in Agriculture Department?

Shri CHATRASING TERON (Minister, Tribal Areas and Welfare of Backward Classes) replied :

243. Because the Central Government and the Planning Commission, have classified Soil Conservation for the purpose of accounting under the Head "Forests".

Re : Erosion at Hazirghat, Barabalu, Berabhanga and other Villages

Shri ZAHIRUL ISLAM (Mankachar) asked :

*244. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department (Flood Control and Irrigation Wing) be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government is aware that thousands of people of Hazirhat, Barabalu, Berabhanga and some other villages have been rendered homeless by the erosion of the Brahmaputra ?
- (b) What steps have so far been taken by the Government to rehabilitate these people ?
- (c) Whether Government propose to take necessary action for the rehabilitation of these people ?

- (d) Whether Government propose to take steps so that erosion threatening the very existence of Sukchar Bazar, Hazirhat, Natun Barabalu, Berabhanga and other places may be effectively checked ?

Shri MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY [Minister, Public Works Department (Flood Control and Irrigation Wing)] replied :

244. (a)—Houses of about one thousand families of these villages have been eroded during 1961.

(b)—Relief and Agricultural loans were issued to the deserving affected families for their rehabilitation.

(c)—The Deputy Commissioner, Goalpara has been instructed to find out alternative lands for rehabilitation of these affected families.

(d)—No.

Re : Post of Under-Secretary in the Law Department

Shri DULAL CHANDRA BARUA (Jorhat) asked :

*245. Will the Minister-in-charge, Law be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that the post of Under-Secretary to the Law Department was filled up not by advertisement through Public Service Commission but through Selection Committee of three nominees of the Law Minister, namely, Shri Bhobesh Chandra Barua, Shri Romesh Chandra Choudhury and Shri D. N. Hazarika ?
- (b) If so, what were the reasons for not having the appointment filled up through the Public Service Commission ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that the appointee to the post of the Under-Secretary to the Law Department was given the fifth place in order of merit and priority by the said Selection Committee ?
- (d) If so, why the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th, were passed over, giving preference to the fifth nominee ?
- (e) Who was the officer appointed to this post ?
- (f) What is the mauza, district and permanent residence of the officer so appointed ?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Law) replied :

245. (a)—Yes, but the officers mentioned by the hon'ble Member are not the nominee of the Law Minister.

(b)—The appointment of Law Officers of the States does not require consultation with the Public Service Commission under Regulation 3(d) of the Assam Public Service Commission Regulation.

(c)—He has given the fourth place in order of merit and priority by the Selection Committee but not the fifth.

(d)—The Selection Committee recommended four names in order of preference as follows—

- (1) Md. Reaz Hussain (from Munsiffs).
- (2) Shri Lakhmidhar Bordoloi (from practising lawyers).
- (3) Shri Bhuvan Chandra Baruah (from practising lawyers).
- (4) Shri Md. Saadullah (from practising lawyers).

But it was found that only Shri Md. Reaz Hussain and Shri Md. Saadullah satisfied the essential qualification of having practice of not less than 3 years as an Advocate or a Pleader or 3 years experience in the Judicial Service as required under the advertisement. The other two—Shri L. Bordoloi and Shri Bhuvan Ch. Baruah did not complete 3 years standing practice. Shri Reaz Hussain being already in service as Munsiff, it was not considered desirable to shift him as it would have taken a long time to fill up the vacancy.

(e)—The name of officer is—

Shri Md. Saadullah.

(f)—Permanent residence of the officer is mauza Ghilazari, village Nagarjar, P. O. Howly, Barpeta Subdivision.

Re: Construction of Nemuguri Dispensary

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA (Thowra) asked:

***246.** Will the Minister-in-charge, Public Health be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that Government proposed to construct the buildings of Nemuguri Dispensary and directed the Department for submission of estimate and Plan in 1960-61 and 1961-62 ?
- (b) Whether Public Works Department submitted Plan and estimates ?
- (c) If so, whether works are in progress ?
- (d) What is the condition of the present dispensary houses and the quarters ?

- (e) Whether it is a fact that one man offered a plot of land measuring 3 bighas for the building ?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister, Medical) replied :

246. (a)—No. There was no such proposal.

(b), (c), (d) & (e)—Do not arise.

Re : List of Political Sufferers

Shri MOHANANDA BORA (Bihpuria) asked :

*247. Will the Minister-in-charge, Political Sufferers be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether the list of Political Sufferers are compiled as assured in reply to starred question No.14, asked by Shri Ghanshyam Talukdar on the 29th September 1961 ?

(b) If so, what is the total number in the list Subdivision-wise ?

Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister, Political Sufferers) replied :

247. (a)—Compilation of the list of Political Sufferers of the State is not yet completed as the Subdivisional Advisory Boards have not furnished the names of the Political Sufferers of the Subdivisions concerned.

(b)—Does not arise.

Re : Borbheta Agricultural Farm

Shri KHOGENDRANATH BARBARUAH (Amguri) asked :

*248. Will the Minister, Veterinary be pleased to state—

- (a) The receipt and expenditure of the Borbheta Agricultural Farm (Jorhat) for each year of the Second Five-Year Plan ?

(b) The receipt and expenditure of the Jogdwar Government Dairy Farm (Jorhat Subdivision) of each year since it is started ?

(c) The daily approximate milk supply from this Dairy Farm and the rate of sale per maund ?

Shri MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Veterinary) replied :

248.(a)—A statement (Annexure I) is placed on the Library Table.

(b) & (c)—A statement is placed on the Library Table.

Re: Encroachments in the Diroi Forest Reserve

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA (Thowra) asked :

*249. Will the Minister-in-charge of Forests be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that there are encroachments in the Diroi Forest Reserve ?
- (b) If so, when did the encroachment take place ?
- (c) Whether the encroachers were led by some political parties ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that many valuable trees were felled by the encroachers ?
- (e) Whether Government proposed to establish any Police Out-Post to prevent such encroachment ?

Shri LALIT KUMAR DOLEY (Deputy Minister, Forests) replied :

249. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Since 1958.

(c)—There is reason to believe that the encroachers acted under instigation but it cannot be definitely established that any particular political party was the instigator.

(d)—Yes.

(e)—The proposal is under consideration of Government.

Re : Wild Life Sanctuaries

Shri DULAL CHANDRA BARUA (Jorhat) asked :

*250. Will the Minister-in-charge, Forests be pleased to state—

- (a) What steps Government proposes to take for general improvement of the Wild Life Sanctuaries in Assam in order to attract foreign tourists.
- (b) What effective steps Government have taken to save the Wild lives from mass killing by various poachers.

Shri LALIT KUMAR DOLEY (Deputy Minister, Forests) replied :

250. (a)—Government proposes to effect progressive improvement of the road system inside the Kaziranga as well as the Manas Wild Life Sanctuaries in co-operation with Government in the Tourism Department, which also proposes to provide increased accommodation for Tourists in

Kaziranga Wild Life Sanctuary. Government also propose to provide more elephants for use by Tourists in the Sanctuaries.

(b)—In addition to the staff appointed to prevent unlicensed shooting and netting, etc., of wild lives, a Wild Life Warden has also been appointed whose duty is mainly to tour the sanctuaries intensively and guard against poaching. The provisions of the Wild Birds and Animals Preservation Rules and the Assam Rhinoceros Preservation Act are also being enforced by the State Police.

Re: Inland Water Transport

Shri MOHANANDA BORA (Bihpuria) asked :

*251. Will the Minister-in-charge of Transport and Communications be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether any scheme has been finalised by the State to improve the Inland Water Transport of our State ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that a loan of Rs.2 crores has been given to the Steamer Companies for renovation of their fleet and if so, whether they are progressing with the work ?
- (c) Whether the State Government have taken any step for dredging the silted rivers for easy transport ?
- (d) Whether any movement is made from our side to connect Brahmaputra with Ganges by a canal linking both within Indian Union ?

Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister, Transport) replied :

251. (a)—Some schemes have been undertaken for improvement of inland water transport in the State. A statement of the schemes is laid on the Library Table.

(b)—It has been decided by the Government of India to grant a loan of Rs.2 crores to the Joint Steamer Companies for renovation and expansion of their fleet. As far as is known, the Companies have not yet received any part of that loan. Some progress has however been made by the Companies with regard to renovation of their fleet.

(c)—The Ganga Brahmaputra Water Transport Board is due to acquire a Dredger for operation on the various schools in the Brahmaputra River in the Indian territory and the matter has already been taken up with the Government of India.

(d)—The question has been taken up with the Government of India.

Re : Barpeta-North Gauhati Route**Shri TAJUDDIN AHMED (Tarabari)** asked :***252.** Will the Minister-in-charge of Transport be pleased to state—

(a) Who are the permit-holders of the buses plying on the—

(i) Barpeta-North Gauhati route *via* Hajo,(ii) Barpeta-North Gauhati *via* Sarthebari, and(iii) Barpeta North Gauhati *via* Barama ?

(b) Who are the Members of Gauhati Regional Transport Authority Boards and since when they are the Members ?

Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister, Transport) replied :

252. (a)—A statement is placed on the Library Table.

(b)—The Regional Transport Authority Board, Gauhati was constituted with effect from the 26th July 1962 with the following members—

(1) The Deputy Commissioner, Kamrup (*Ex-officio*)—Chairman.(2) The Superintendent of Police, Kamrup (*Ex-officio*)—Member.(3) The Superintending Engineer, P. W. D. (R. & B.), Gauhati (*Ex-officio*)—Member.

(4) Shri Bhumidhar Das, B.L., Barpeta—Member.

(5) Shri Biren Ram Phookan, Bharahmukh, Gauhati—Member.

(6) The District Transport Officer, Kamrup (*Ex-officio*)—non-Member Secretary.**Re : Dimoria High School****Shri DEVENDRA NATH SARMA (Gauhati)** asked :***253.** Will the Minister-in-charge of Education be pleased to state—

(a) The total number of Tribal students reading in Dimoria High School of Gauhati Subdivision ?

(b) Whether there is any boarding house for the Tribal students of that High School ?

(c) Whether Government have any representation from the School Committee for financial assistance for establishment of a boarding house there ?

(d) If so, the action taken thereon ?

Shri DEV KANT BOROOAH (Minister, Education) replied :

253. (a)—78.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—A representation for financial assistance for school building was received.

(d)—A sum of Rs.1,000 was sanctioned for school building during 1961-62 under Article 275. Grants sanctioned during 1960-61 were Rs.1,000 for school building, Rs.2,000 for hostel building, Rs.300 for play ground.

Re: Library Movement and Establishment of Library Service

Shri DEVENDRA NATH SARMA (Gauhati) asked :

*254. Will the Minister-in-charge of Education be pleased to state—

(a) The amount of grants sanctioned for the development of Library movement and establishment of Library Service during 1961-62 and grants proposed to be sanctioned for the same in 1962-63 ?

(b) The names of Libraries which have been given grants district-wise ?

Shri DEV KANT BOROOAH (Minister, Education) replied :

254. (a)—There are two kinds of provisions in the budget, viz.—
(1) Establishment of Libraries by Government, (2) Financial assistance to rural Libraries started by the public.

Government Libraries—

Amount sanctioned in 1961-62—Rs.4,40,900.

Amount proposed to be sanctioned in 1962-63—Rs.5,12,000.

Rural Libraries—

Amount sanctioned in 1961-62—Rs.1,00,737.

Amount proposed to be sanctioned in 1962-63—Rs.1,00,700.

(b)—A list is placed on the Library Table.

Re : X-ray Machine for Assam Medical College

Shri LILA KANTA BORAH (Kaliabor) asked :

*255. Will the Minister-in-charge of Medical be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that a new Deep X-ray machine was purchased by the Government for the Assam Medical College some times in the year 1956 ?
- (b) What was the total cost of the new machine and whether the price has been fully paid ?
- (c) Whether the new machine has been installed and if not, why not ?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister, Medical) replied :

255. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Rs.63,785.75 nP. (Rupees sixty-three thousand, seven hundred eighty-five and seventy-five nP.) paid in full.

(c)—The Plant could not be installed as the Control Table of the machine was found defective which required replacement. Orders for control Table were placed in August 1960. As the Control Table has to be imported from outside the Firm informed that they would supply within a year. But they could not supply it within that time. Recently the Firm informed us that the Control Table is under clearance at Calcutta Port. The Plan is expected to function within 3 or 4 months.

Re : The Chest Clinic side of Barpeta Civil Hospital

Shri TAJUDDIN AHMED (Tarabari) asked :

*256. Will the Minister, Medical be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that the Chest Clinic side of Barpeta Civil Hospital has been left under a part time officers who is a private Practitioner ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that this private Practitioner attends the Hospital twice a week ?
- (c) If so, why ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that there are only six beds in this side of the Hospitals ?
- (e) Why a permanent doctor cannot be appointed in this side of the Hospital ?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister, Medical) replied :

256. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—The Medical Officer-in-charge of Barpeta Chest Clinic is a honorary one with a monthly allowance of Rs.100. There was originally no condition of number of days of visits by the honorary Medical Officer. He has now been directed to attend the Clinic every day.

(d)—Yes. There are 6 observation beds according to approved pattern laid down by Government of India.

(e)—Recently, Government sanctioned 5 (five) posts of full time Medical Officer for T. B. Clinics to replace the part-time ones. The post will be filled up as soon as qualified persons are available.

Re : Char Area

Shri TAJUDDIN AHMED (Tarabari) asked :

*257. Will the Minister, Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government propose to keep some Sub-Deputy Collectors-in-charge of Char area of each Subdivision to keep clear account of the river eroded families of the Char area and to search land for them ?

(b) Whether Government propose to keep clear account of the river eroded people of the Char areas ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Minister of State, Revenue) replied :

257. (a)—Government consider that no separate Sub-Deputy Collectors are necessary exclusively for these purposes. Attached Sub-Deputy Collectors have been posted wherever needed to assist the Circle Sub-Deputy Collectors.

(b)—Government are maintaining Subdivision-wise account of all river eroded people including those in the Char areas.

Re : Housing Loans

Shri TARAPADA BHATTACHARJEE (Katigora) asked :

*258. Will the Minister-in-charge of Housing be pleased to state—

(a) Whether there is a Board for considering Housing loan cases ?

(b) If so, how many meetings of the Board were held during 1961-62 ?

(c) How many cases were considered during the last financial year and the total amount sanctioned and the total amount actually disbursed ?

(d) How many cases from the district of Cachar received housing loan and how many of them were considered during 1961-62?

- (e) The total amount sanctioned and total amount actually disbursed in 1961-62 in the district of Cachar ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Town and Country Planning) replied :

258. (a)—Yes.
 (b)—10 (ten).
 (c)—In 1961-62, 209 loan applications were considered by the Housing Board, of which 207 cases for a total amount of Rs.18,62,050 were sanctioned. Disbursement of loans during the year amounted to Rs.14,00,990.
 (d)—Eleven loan applications from Cachar District were taken into consideration and all the 11 applicants were sanctioned loans during 1961-62.
 (e)—In Cachar District, a total amount of Rs.63,600 was sanctioned as loans and Rs.57,500 was actually disbursed during 1961-62.

Re : Gauhati Development Authority

Raja AJIT NARAYAN DEB (Kokrajhar) asked :

*259. Will the Minister-in-charge of Town and Country Planning be pleased to state—

- (a) Since how long the Gauhati Development Authority is functioning and when the said body was constituted ?
 (b) Whether it is a fact that no Secretary is appointed for the said body though the said post was advertised sometime in May, 1961 ?
 (c) Whether the said body is selling some plots of land in the suburb of the town ?
 (d) If so, whether the price demanded is in keeping with the market price of the land in the neighbourhood ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Town and Country Planning) replied :

259. (a)—The Gauhati Authority was constituted in March, 1961 and it has been functioning since then.

(b)—The post was advertised in July, 1961 and the Secretary to Gauhati Authority has been appointed on 9th July 1962.

(c)—No.

(d)—Does not arise.

Re : Demarcation of land allotted to ex-Servicemen

Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH (Amguri) asked :

*260. Will the Minister of Revenue be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that boundary demarcation of land (320 bighas) allotted to the ex-servicemen in N. Area, of Lanka in 1954, has not yet been shown to the settlers ?
 (b) If so, why ?
 (c) Whether it is a fact that possession was not given of land allotted to 13 families of ex-servicemen in Dalanijuria Reserve of Jura Mauza, Nowgong District ?

- (d) If so, why ?
- (e) How many *ex-servicemen* were proposed to be settled at Balijury (Samaguri) Barbari Kochabari (Dhing) Dalanijuria and Gurguria (Sadar Circle) Dholi Bill (Raha) Nasuti (Lanka) Goroimari (Kampur Circle), etc. ?
- (f) Whether they will be settled ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Minister of State, Revenue) replied:

260. (a)—The land in question was shown to the settlers in the year 1954.

(b)—Does not arise.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—The matter has not yet been finally decided by the Land Settlement Advisory Committee.

(e)—There is a proposal for settlement of 31 *ex-servicemen* in Dalanijuria Village Grazing Ground only and none in any of the other places.

(f)—Their cases for settlement in Dalanijuria Villages Grazing Reserve will be considered after obtaining the views of the Land Settlement Advisory Committee.

Re : Pending cases in North-Lakhimpur Courts

Shri MOHANANDA BORA (Bihpuria) asked :

*261. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) How many civil and criminal cases are pending for more than one year in the North Lakhimpur courts ?
- (b) What is the cause of pending cases so long and what steps are being taken to remove the congestion ?
- (c) Whether Government is aware that such long pending cases causes much harassment to the parties concerned ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

261. (a)—No. of civil cases pending ... 3
No. of criminal cases pending ... 100

(b)—These cases are pending due to the fact that proper procedure outlined in the Criminal Procedure Court will have to be strictly followed, giving adequate opportunity to the accused to defend himself ; and this inevitably takes times. There is no congestion in the North Lakhimpur Courts.

(c)—Does not arise.

Re : Recovery of overdue loans

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA (Thowra) asked :

*262. Will the Minister-in-charge of Co-operatives be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that the recovery of overdue loans has been handicapped due to withdrawal of powers for Land sale by Co-operative Liquidators ?
- (b) Who were entrusted with Bakijai powers ?
- (c) Whether Government proposed to give powers to Co-operative Officers trained in that line ?

Shri LALIT KUMAR DOLEY (Deputy Minister, Co-operation) replied :

262. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Deputy Co-operative Officers have been entrusted with Bakijai powers.

(c)—Experienced Deputy Co-operative Officers-cum-Liquidators have been invested with the powers.

Re: Gaolia Banks in Barpeta Subdivision

Shri MAHADEB DAS [Bhabanipur (Reserved for Scheduled Castes)] asked :

*263. Will the Minister-in-charge of Co-operation be pleased to state—

(a) How many Gaolia (village) Banks are there in Barpeta Subdivision ?

(b) How many large sized Co-operative Credit Societies are there in Barpeta Subdivision ?

(c) How many Gaolia Banks have been converted to service Co-operatives there ?

(d) How many large sized Co-operative Societies have been split up into service Co-operatives up-till now ?

Shri LALIT KUMAR DOLEY (Deputy Minister, Co-operation) replied :

263. (a)—There are 187 village banks in Barpeta Subdivision.

(b)—There are 11 large-sized Credit Societies in Barpeta Subdivision.

(c)—137 village banks have been converted into service Co-operatives.

(d)—Nil.

Re: Development of Gauhati Zoo

Shri DEVENDRA NATH SARMA (Gauhati) asked :

*264. Will the Minister of Forests be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that the Zoo at Gauhati has not yet been developed for want of proper technical persons and lack of funds ?

(b) If so, the reasons for stagnation in the development of the Zoo ?

(c) When Government hopes to develop the Zoo ?

Shri LALIT KUMAR DOLEY (Deputy Minister, Forests) replied :

264. (a) & (b)—It is a fact that the Zoo at Gauhati has not yet reached full development primarily due to limitations of funds and secondarily due to want of trained personnel.

(c)—Government are developing the Zoo and will continue to do so within the limitations of funds available. A proposal to depute the Veterinary Assistant Surgeon now attached to the Zoo for gaining experience by study of the methods adopted in the Calcutta Zoo is under examination.

Re: Frequent breakdown of the Ferry between Gauhati and North Gauhati

Shri DEVENDRA NATH SARMA (Gauhati) asked :

*265. Will the Minister of Public Works Department (Roads and Buildings) be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government are aware of the frequent breakdown of the ferry arrangement between Gauhati and North Gauhati ?
- (b) If so, the arrangements made for improvement of the same ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI [Minister of State, P. W. D. (Roads and Buildings)] replied :

265. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Arrangement has been made for smooth running of the ferry.

Re: River research work at Burnihat

Raja AJIT NARAYAN DEB (Kokrajhar) asked :

*266. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department (Flood Control) be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether a costly building was constructed near Burnihat for research work in connection with flood control and training of rivers for irrigation purposes some years back ?
- (b) The number of staff employed for the research since the construction of the building ?
- (c) The total amount spent so far for the research work ?
- (d) The total cost of construction of the building ?
- (e) The names of the rivers in which the result gained by research work was applied and with what results ?

Shri MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY [Minister, Public Works Department (Flood Control and Irrigation Wing)] replied :

266. (a)—A research laboratory to meet the bare requirement of carrying out applied research and specific studies on engineering problems has been constructed at Burnihat. The main building has been completed in 1960-61 and residential buildings and staff quarters are being constructed now.

(b)—Eight numbers of staff including the Director of the Research Station have been employed for the research.

(c)—Rs. 8,383.

(d)—Rs. 5,00,786.

(e)—(i) The work of testing soil samples on the beds of rivers Sukhajani, Laksha, Garjan and Kachua has been carried out in connection with design and construction of hydraulic structures. Work of construction has been taken up on the basis of tests carried out in the laboratory.

- (ii) Analysis of soil samples of Jia-Bhorelli River were carried out for construction of Jia-Bhorelli Bridge.
- (iii) Investigation and mechanical testing of soil samples of different alignments for design of Jamuna Weir (for Jamuna Irrigation Project).

Re : Spun-Silk Mill at Jagiroad

Shri LILA KANTA BORAH (Kaliabor) asked :

*267. Will the Minister-in-charge of Industries be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that the working of the Spun-Silk Mill at Jagiroad has been greatly hampered for want of sufficient water ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that attempts for digging deep tube-wells have proved abortive ?
- (c) Whether it has been examined if water can be drawn from the Kopili river ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

267 (a)—Yes.

(b) & (c).—The total water requirement for the Mill is 80,000 gallons a day. The first deep tube-well constructed by the Public Health Engineering Department and the second tube-well now under installation are not expected to meet the total requirement of water, and accordingly the Board of Directors decided to draw the required quantity of water from the Kopili river. Tenders were invited and a decision to select the party to undertake the work will be taken soon.

Re : Barpeta Civil Hospital

Shri RAJUDDIN AHMED (Tarabari) asked :

*268. Will the Minister, Medical be pleased to state—

- (a) How many Doctors, Nurses, Wardboys are there at Barpeta Civil Hospital ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that the same number of staff is there since 20 years back where there were only 24 beds in the said Hospital ?
- (c) What is the number of beds now in the said Hospital ?
- (d) Why the staff cannot be increased ?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister, Medical) replied :

268. (a)—Doctors—Subdivisional Medical and Health Officer (in-charge of the Hospital). 1.

Assistant Surgeon I	...	...	...	1
Assistant Surgeon II (including Lady Doctor)	...	...	...	2

Besides these Doctors there is one Doctor allotted for the epidemic duty who also works in the Barpeta Civil Hospital. Another post of Assistant Surgeon I ha been sanctioned and action is being taken to post one.

Staff Nurses ..	...	...	...	...	...	3.
Midwife ...	...	...	...	...	...	1.
Wardboys ...	...	...	...	...	...	2.

(b)—No. There has been much increase now.

(c)—50.

(d)—The question of increase of further staff is already under examination.

Re : Petrol Depots in Assam

Shri TAJUDDIN AHMED (Tarabari) asked :

*269. Will the Minister, Industries be pleased to state—

(a) How many Petrol Depots are there in As am ?

(b) Whether Government propose to take over the Petrol Depots and manage the same by the appointed State Government officers ?

(c) If not, why ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Mines and Minerals) replied :

269. (a)—Total number of Petrol Depots in Assam is 155.

(b)—No.

(c).—To bring the Petrol Depots under the Government management will be a legislative measure. The Petroleum Act, 1934 is a Central Act, regulating Petroleum and Petroleum products and the said Act is within the legislative competency of the Central Legislature. The question as it stands, suggests something in the nature of regulating Petroleum, etc. The State Legislature is not competent to pass any law on that behalf so long as the Petroleum Act, 1934, and the Rules framed thereunder stand.

Re : Amount of grants to the Middle English Schools

Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH (Amguri) asked :

*270. Will the Minister, Education be pleased to state—

(a) The amount sanctioned as compensatory or *ad-hoc* grant to the Government Aided Middle English Schools of the State during 1961-62 ?

(b) The names of such Schools receiving such grant in the Sibsagar subdivision ?

(c) Whether the amount had already been disbursed ?

(d) If so, when ?

Shri DEV KANT BOROOAH (Minister, Education) replied :

270. (a)—Amount of grants sanctioned to Middle English Schools—

					Rs.
(1) <i>Ad-hoc</i> grants	...	...	...	...	14,813
(2) Deficit grants	...	...	...	...	10,356

It is presumed that by compensatory grants the hon. Member means deficit grant.

(b)—Names of Middle English Schools in Sibsagar Subdivision getting *ad-hoc* grants are—

- (1) Hafaluting Middle English School.
- (2) Bakalajoya Middle English School.
- (3) Silpani Barua Middle English School.
- (4) Bakharbengena Middle English School.
- (5) Chala Middle English School.

No Middle English School in this Subdivision got deficit grant.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—On 30th July 1962.

Re: Number of displaced persons yet to be rehabilitated

Shri TARAPADA BHATTACHARJEE (Katigora) asked :

*271. Will the Minister-in-charge, Relief and Rehabilitation be pleased to state —

- (a) Whether Government are aware that a large number of displaced persons awaiting rehabilitation ?
- (b) If so, whether Government propose to constitute a fact finding committee with representatives of the Associations of displaced persons, M. L. As and Government officials with Relief and Rehabilitation Commissioner as Secretary to submit a report to the Government within September, 1962, so that the State Government can take up the matter with the Union Rehabilitation Ministry for sanction of schemes and allocation of funds to complete economic rehabilitation of displaced persons ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister, Relief and Rehabilitation)

replied :

271. (a)—The Government have no such information. During the year 1961-62, a final assessment of the residuary problems of rehabilitation of displaced persons from East Bengal was made. All eligible cases were duly taken into consideration at that time. Majority of the cases were disposed of on merit during the years 1960-61 and 1961-62. The remaining cases, namely, that relating to evicted displaced persons of Mikir Hills, displaced persons to be settled in Sankuchi Urban Colony of BARPETA Subdivision and the remaining displaced persons who are yet to be rehabilitated in Umpling Urban Colony of Shillong. Cases of those who migrated after 1st April 1958 were not eligible for any assistance as per policy laid down by the Government of India.

(b)—Does not arise.

Re: Technical-cum-Production Centre at Badarpurghat

Shri ABDUL JALIL CHOUDHURY (Badarpur) asked :

*272. Will the Minister-in-charge of Panchayat, etc., be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that the Technical-cum-Production Centre at Badarpurghat was managed by the Badarpur Development Block in the year 1961-62 ?

- (b) Whether it is a fact that this centre has been abolished by the Block Development Officer, Badarpur Development Block from the year 1962-63 ?
- (c) If so, what is the cause of abolition ?
- (d) Whether Government propose to re-open it in this current year ?

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Deputy Minister, Panchayat) replied :

272. (a)—Yes.

(b)—The centre has been closed by the Badarpur Anchalik Panchayat with effect from 1st April 1962.

(c)—The centre was originally established by the Relief and Rehabilitation Department and it was taken over by Badarpur Development Block during the Stage I period. Due to paucity of fund during Stage II the institution could not be run from the Block budget and therefore pending its taking over by the Industries Department, the Block Development Officer was asked to run it eliminating the stipend. But the Anchalik Panchayat had decided to close the centre. Detailed informations are being collected.

(d)—The matter is under consideration.

Re: Venture Middle English Schools of Golaghat

Shri NARENDRA NATH SARMA (Bokakhat) asked :

*273. Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state —

- (a) Whether it is a fact that some Venture Middle English Schools of Golaghat are lying backward, out of way area where the majority of the people are backward, tribal and scheduled caste ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that the following Middle English Schools of Diphallupathar, Tamulipathar and Nak-kati have not received recognition and teacher compensatory grant up-till 1961 ?
- (c) If so, whether Government propose to recognise the schools and give non-recurring and recurring grants to these schools in 1962 ?

Shri DEV KANT BOROOAH (Minister, Education) replied :

273. (a)—Yes.

(b)—It was a fact that the following Venture Middle English Schools of Golaghat Subdivision did not receive departmental recognition and teacher compensatory (deficit) grants till 1961—

1. Difloopathar Venture Middle English School.
2. Tamulipathar Venture Middle English School.
3. Nak-kati Venture Middle English School.

The respective authorities of the above 3 institutions did not approach Government for recognition of their schools till this year, probably due to the fact that the requisite conditions for the purpose were not fulfilled then.

(c)—Yes, if found to be deserving and if funds permit.

Re: Facilities to the children of the ex-Servicemen**Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH (Amguri)** asked :

*274. Will the Minister, Education be pleased to state—

- (a) The educational facilities extended to the children of the ex-Servicemen ?
- (b) The number of pupil getting such facilities in each district ?
- (c) How many petitions for educational concession for the pupils of ex-Servicemen are pending ?

Shri DEV KANT BOROOAH (Minister, Education) replied :

274. (a)—The children of the ex-Servicemen do not enjoy any special facility. They are governed by the general rules.

(b)—Does not arise.

(c)—Two petitions were received during 1961-62 for educational concessions to the children of ex-Servicemen and are pending disposal.

Re: Qualification for the Post of Additional Assistant Director of Survey**Shri HARENDRA NATH TALUKDAR (Rampur)** asked :

*275. Will the Minister, Revenue be pleased to state—

- (a) What are the general qualifications necessary for the post of Additional Assistant Director of Survey ?
- (b) Whether the post is filled up ?
- (c) If so, who is that officer ?
- (d) Whether the post was advertised ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Minister of State, Revenue) replied :

275. (a)—There is no service Rule for the Assam Survey Department specifying the qualifications for appointment to the different posts. However, the following general qualifications were mentioned in the advertisement for appointment to the post of Additional Assistant Director of Survey in the post—

- (i) A Candidate should be an intermediate in Science or Arts with Mathematics as one of the subjects of studies.
- (ii) He must have passed the course of Survey training under the Geodetic Training Centre at Dehra-Dun under the Survey of India with practical experience of Survey work in the field for at least 3 years in cadastral Survey.
- (iii) He must be accustomed to camp-life in out of way parts in border areas where they are required to work outdoors under physical pressure for 6 months of the year.

(b)—Yes, temporarily.

(c)—Shri C. L. Sharma.

(d)—As the post was filled up by promotion with prior concurrence of the Assam Public Service Commission it was not required to be advertised

Re : Barpeta Juro Ram Girls' High School

Shri MAHADEB DAS [Bhabanipur (Reserved for Scheduled Castes)] asked :

*276. Will the Minister-in-charge of Education be pleased to state—

- (a) The up-to-date enrolment of Barpeta Juro Ram Girls' High School ?
- (b) What is the limit of enrolment fixed for sanction of revised pay scale grant to Girls' High School ?
- (c) Whether Government has lately received a loan application of the said Girls' High School for construction of much needed School Hostel and School building ?
- (d) If so, what amount of loan and grants are likely to be sanctioned ?

Sari DEV KANT BOROOAH (Minister, Education) replied :

276 (a)—475 on 1st March 1962.

(b)—150.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—Rs.12,000 is proposed to be sanctioned as loan. The amount will be paid as soon as the formalities regarding execution of bond are completed.

Re : Pay Scale of Hindi Teachers

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA (Thowra) asked :

*277. Will the Minister-in-charge of Education be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that the pay scale of Hindi teachers has been revised ?
- (b) If so, when it was revised and what is the new revised scale ?
- (c) Whether it has been given effect to ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that Bengenabari M. V. of Sibsagar Subdivision is also one of the Government M. V. Schools ?
- (e) Whether Government is aware that the Hindi teacher of the said school has not received the revised pay ?
- (f) If so, what is the reason and whether pay as per revised scale will also be given to the Hindi teacher of that school ?

Shri DEV KANT BOROOAH (Minister, Education) replied :

277. (a)—Yes.

(b)—(i) The pay scale of Hindi teachers in Government Secondary Schools was revised by the Pay Committee, 1956. The revised scale is Rs.75—3—105 E.B.—4—125. This scale was made effective with effect from 1st October 1956.

(ii) The pay scale of Hindi teachers in Government Aided Secondary Schools was revised by the Pay Committee, 1956 as below—

Aided High Schools—Rs.60—2—100.

Aided M. E. Schools Rs.50—1—65—2½—80.

Their pay scale, however, was subsequently revised and made equal to that of Government Secondary Schools, viz., Rs.75—3—105—E.B.—4—125. This scale was made effective from 1st April 1959.

(iii) The pay scale of Hindi teachers of M. V. and L. P. Schools under the Assam Basic Education Board is Rs.55—1—65—2½—80 with effect from 1st October, 1956 as prescribed by the Pay Committee. As the Pay Committee, 1956 recommended that the pay scale of teachers of Government L. P. and M. V. Schools in general should be the same as those sanctioned for teachers of L. P. and M. V. Schools in the Basic Education Board, this scale of Rs.55—80 has also been given to the Hindi teachers of Government M. V. Schools appointed on or after 1st October 1956.

There are, however, Hindi teachers in Government M. V. Schools who were appointed before 1st October, 1956 in Grade 'A' of the Assam Lower School Service in the scale of Rs.75—2½—100—E.B.—4—120. As no scale higher than this has been prescribed for Government M. V. School teachers they had to remain in this Grade 'A' scale.

(iv) The pay scale of Senior Hindi teachers, namely, Hindi teachers who are Matriculate and Parangad or equivalent qualification and who are placed in Class II, A. S. S. or comparable posts has been revised in the scale of pay of Rs.125—7½—155—9—245—E.B.—1C—275 with effect from 1st October 1956.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—Yes.

(e)—Yes.

(f)—The Hindi teacher of the Bengenabri M. V. School did not opt for the revised scale of pay, 1956. He cannot be given benefit of the revised scale now as the last date for exercising option was 14th August 1959.

Re : Specific needs of the under-developed areas

Shri DEVENDRA NATH SARMA (Gauhati) asked :

*278. Will the Minister of Planning and Development be pleased to state—

- Whether Government is giving special attention to the specific needs of the under-developed areas ?
- If so, whether Government has drawn up a list of under-developed areas in our State ?
- Whether Government consults members of this Assembly from under-developed areas before deciding measures of development of those areas ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Planning and Development) replied :

278. (a)—The Autonomous Hill Districts of United Khasi and Jaintia Hills, Garo Hills, United Mikir and North Cachar Hills and Mizo Hills which cover about half the total area of the State are generally recognised as backward and under-developed areas requiring special attention. For the benefit of these areas and backward population living in the Plains districts either in separate pockets or interspersed with the general population, the following provisions have been made in the State Third Plan—

			Rs. in crores
(a) Autonomous Hill Districts	...	...	7.10
(b) Scheduled Tribes in the Plain Districts	...	...	2.25
(c) Scheduled Castes ..	...	...	0.60
(d) Other Backward Classes ...	...	...	0.35
Total			10.30

These provisions are in the shape of supplementary provisions intended to give special weightage for the benefit of the above classes of the population.

(b)—No survey has, so far, been carried out to identify precisely the more backward and less-developed areas in the State. No list of under-developed areas in the State has been drawn up.

(c) To assist Government in the formulation of the Third Five-Plan, a State Planning Advisory Board, consisting of some M. L. As, non-officials representing different interests and certain officers, was constituted. The State Planning Advisory Board had also constituted a number of Sub-Committees to scrutinise the proposals from different departments. As regards the Hill Tribes, Plains Tribes, Scheduled Castes and other Backward Classes, independent Advisory Boards have also been set up by the Tribal Areas and Welfare of Backward Classes Department. These Boards were also consulted by that department in the formulation of their plans.

Re: Employment possibilities under Third Five-Year Plan

Shri DEVENDRA NATH SARMA (Gauhati) asked:

*279. Will the Minister of Planning and Development be pleased to state the number of jobs to be made available to the educated unemployed under schemes newly provided during the Third Five-Year Plan period?

Shri MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY [Minister, Public Works Department (Flood Control and Irrigation)] replied:

279. The number of additional employment opportunities expected to become available for educated persons in Assam during the Third Plan period is 1.6 lakhs.

Re: Construction of Ring Bund near Tarabari

Shri MAHADEB DAS [Bhabanipur (Reserved for Scheduled Castes)] asked:

*280. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department (Embankment and Drainage) be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government has sanctioned any amount for construction of Ring Bund near Tarabari in Barpeta Sub-division for the protection of cultivators?
- (b) If so, when?
- (c) Whether Government is aware that due to non-completion of the bund the Southern part of the Barpeta Sub-division were heavily affected by the recent flood?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that the villagers of the unprotected area are living in the said embankments?
- (e) Whether Government will be pleased to sanction the necessary amount within a very short time so that this can be completed within this year?

Shri MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Flood Control) replied:

280. (a)—Yes, Government sanctioned Rs.23,000 for construction of a Ring Bund at Tarabari as Test Relief Grant. The amount was placed at the disposal of Subdivisional Officer (Civil), Barpeta who was overall in-charge of this Ring Bund.

(b)—The amount was sanctioned *vide* Government Telegram No.RGR.1/61/8(PT-14), dated 19th January 1962.

(c)—The Ring Bund which was not to the Public Works Department specification was completed, except in a few reaches, where it could not be made upto the required formation level, before the floods on Test Relief basis and it was over-topped and breached at certain points during the recent high flood.

(d)—Yes. Some affected people have taken shelter on the completed portion of the retirement.

(e)—This Ring Bund being of a low specification is not seemingly sufficient to solve the problem of the area. A retirement in this area has already been sanctioned for Rs.4,33,400. The work could have been completed had not the local public opposed vehemently the handing over of the land required.

Re: Construction of Bunds from Flood Relief Emergency Fund

Shri MAHADEB DAS [Bhabanipur (Reserved for Schedule Castes)] asked :

*281. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department (Flood Control) be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government received some proposal for the construction of Bunds, from Flood Relief Emergency Fund during the year 1962 from Barpeta Subdivision, Embankment and Drainage Department ?
- (b) If so, what are the proposals ?
- (c) Whether Government has approved the said proposal ?
- (d) If not, why not ?

Shri MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Flood Control) replied :

281. (a)—No.

(b) to (d)—Do not arise in view of reply above.

Re: Establishment of Industrial Estates at Golaghat, Sibsagar and Makum

Shri DULAL CHANDRA BARUA (Jorhat) asked :

*282. Will the Minister-in-charge of Industries be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether there were proposals for opening 3 Industrial Estates in Golaghat, Sibsagar and Makum for giving training facilities to the local youths and for development of backward areas with the intention to solve the unemployment problem ?
- (b) Whether any progress to that effect has been made ?
- (c) If so, how far ?
- (d) What amount was spent for the purpose ?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that a huge sum amounting to Rs.11,41,000 for various industrial undertakings is surrendered for the inability on the part of the department to implement it ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

282. (a)—There are proposals for establishment of three Industrial Estates at Golaghat, Sibsagar and Makum to develop Industries in those areas.

(b) & (c)—Sites have been selected tentatively, and in order to finalise the selection of sites, steps have been taken to ascertain availability of water by trial borings.

(d)—No amount has yet been spent, but necessary sanction for expenditure required for trial borings has recently been issued.

(e)—The fact is that out of a total provision of Rs.43,39,000 in the 1961-62 plan budget for Cottage Industries which includes provision for Industrial Estates, a sum of Rs.2,93,000 was surrendered.

In the Major Industries plan budget for 1961-62, there was provision of Rs.1,07,68,280. Out of this Rs.24,13,799 was surrendered.

Re: Requirement of Technical personnel for various Industries

Shri DEVENDRA NATH SARMA [Bhabanipur (Reserved for Scheduled Castes)] asked :

*283. Will the Minister of Industries be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government have assessed the requirement of Technical personnel for the various Industries including the power projects now being set up and would be set up within the Third Plan ?

(b) If so, the number of Technicians required under the various categories ?

(c) Whether Government have also worked out any scheme for training of Technicians ?

(d) If so, the details thereof ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

283. (a)—The man-power committee constituted by the Planning and Development Department assessed the requirement.

(b)—A detailed statement showing the requirement under various categories is placed on the Library Table.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—The Industries Department have a few training centres for craftsman. An apprenticeship training scheme was recently introduced under which stipends amounting to Rs. 10 lakhs during the Third Plan period will be awarded to technicians of various categories to undertake a course, of short term training inside and outside the State during the Third Five-Year Plan. With the establishment of new technical Schools and Colleges and increasing the intake capacities of the existing Schools and Colleges the requirement of technical personnel is tried to be met.

Re: Power Looms

Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARAUH (Amguri) asked :

*284. Will the Minister-in-charge of Industries be pleased to state—

(a) The number and places of the power looms installed or proposed to be installed in the State ?

- (b) Whether these are placed in the public sector or in this private hands ?
- (c) The approximate expenditure of each power loom and building construction ?
- (d) The average yielding capacity of each loom and expected sale proceeds per month ?
- (e) How and where the products will be marketed ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

284. (a)—600 power looms have been allotted to the State of which 150 are in co-operative sector, 250 in private sector and 200 are to be installed under Refugee Rehabilitation Schemes on Co-operative basis. The places and number of the looms installed or proposed to be installed are as under—

(A) 150 looms in Co-operative sector are—

- (i) Nalbari—22.
- (ii) Nowgong—48.
- (iii) Gauhati—66 (including 29 in Industrial Estate in Public Sector).
- (iv) Golaghat—14.

(B) 250 looms in private sector are—

- (i) Gauhati—186.
- (ii) Barpeta—7.
- (iii) Tezpur—24.
- (iv) Dhekiajuli—8.
- (v) Lokra—20.
- (vi) Shillong—2.

3 looms are yet to be allotted.

(C) All the 200 looms under refugee rehabilitation schemes will be set up in Cachar District.

(b)—These are in public, Co-operative and private sectors.

(c)—Approximate expenditure of each power loom including cost of installation is between Rs 3,500 and Rs.5,000 depending upon the quality of the looms. An ordinary factory shed for 10 powerlooms will cost Rs.10,000 approximately excluding the cost of land. The actual building cost is dependent on the type of the building.

(d)—The average yield per loom for a 8 hour shift is 48 yards. The sale proceeds will depend on the type and quality of cloth. However, the likely yield inclusive of all costs will vary from Rs.1,000 to Rs.1,500 per month.

[Assuming that yard of cloth will fetch Re.1 the total daily yield is likely to be Rs.48 and the monthly yield per month taking working days as 25 days and 8 hours a day the total monthly yield is likely to be Rs.(25×48) 1,200].

(e)—The products in the Co-operative sector will be sold through the sales depots of Weavers Co-operatives and the rest will be consumed locally.

Re: Salary of the Principal, Medical College**Shri LILA KANTA BORAH (Kaliabor)** asked :***285.** Will the Minister-in-charge of Medical be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that the Principal of the Assam Medical College has not received his salary for the last few months and if so, from when and why ?
- (b) Whether the Principal of the Medical College is entitled to a special allowance in addition to his usual emolument and if so, what is this amount ?
- (c) Whether the present Principal of the Medical College has been given that allowance and if not, why not ?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister, Medical) replied :

285. (a)—Yes. (Dr. Baruah, Principal, Assam Medical College, Dibrugarh, was not getting his pay for a few months since his re-employment for the second term, i.e., since 16th December 1961).

This being a case of re-employment certain formalities had to be gone through for his re-employment. It is ascertained that he is getting his pay now.

(b)—In addition to his pay and other allowances, the Principal is entitled to a charge allowance of Rs.200 per mensem. And as Superintendent of the College Hospital he is entitled to a special pay of Rs.250 per mensem.

(c)—Yes. The present Principal of the Assam Medical College has been granted charge allowance and special pay as mentioned at (b) above.

Re: Number of Dispensaries**Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA (Thowra)** asked :***286.** Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Health and Medical be pleased to state—

- (a) The number of dispensaries sanctioned during the 3rd Five-Year Plan subdivision-wise ?
- (b) The number of dispensaries including Primary Health Unit now existing in each administrative subdivision ?
- (c) The distance of each of the proposed dispensaries from the Government dispensaries ?
- (d) What are the diseases generally prevalent in these localities and what was the total death cases during the last 3 years ?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister, Medical) replied :

286. (a)—Subdivision-wise number of Dispensaries for the 3rd Five-Year Plan not been sanctioned.

But during the last year, i.e., 1st year of the 3rd Five-Year Plan following Dispensaries had been sanctioned—

(1) Kokrajhar Subdivision	...	...	...	1
(2) Nowgong "	...	...	...	1
(3) Mikir Hills "	...	...	...	1
(4) Lungleh "	...	...	...	2

(5) Tezpur	Subdivision	...	...	...	1
(6) Goalpara	"	...	...	...	1
(7) Sibsagar	"	...	...	...	1
(8) Dibrugarh	"	...	...	...	1
(9) Garo Hills	"	...	...	...	1
(10) North Cachar Hills	Subdivision	...	...	...	1
(11) Shillong	"	...	...	...	1
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					12

- (b)—(1) Gauhati Subdivision—121 dispensaries including 7 Primary Health Units.
- (2) Barpeta Subdivision—40 dispensaries including 3 Primary Health Units.
- (3) Dhubri Subdivision—45 dispensaries including 1 Primary Health Unit.
- (4) Goalpara Subdivision—41 dispensaries including 4 Primary Health Units.
- (5) Kokrajhar Subdivision—18 dispensaries including 3 Primary Health Units.
- (6) Nowgong District—73 dispensaries including 5 Primary Health Units.
- (7) Golaghat Subdivision—28 dispensaries including 3 Primary Health Units.
- (8) Jorhat Subdivision—30 dispensaries including 4 Primary Health Units.
- (9) Sibsagar Subdivision—26 dispensaries including 5 Primary Health Units.
- (10) Tezpur Subdivision—30 dispensaries including 3 Primary Health Units.
- (11) Mongaldai Subdivision—37 dispensaries including 4 Primary Health Units.
- (12) Dibrugarh Subdivision—31 dispensaries including 3 Primary Health Units.
- (13) North Lakhimpur Subdivision—16 dispensaries including 2 Primary Health Units.
- (14) Silchar Subdivision—27 dispensaries including 4 Primary Health Units.
- (15) Karimganj Subdivision—25 dispensaries including 4 Primary Health Units.
- (16) Hailakandi Subdivision—13 dispensaries including 3 Primary Health Units.
- (17) Shillong Subdivision—19 dispensaries including 2 Primary Health Units.
- (18) Jowai Subdivision—11 dispensaries including 2 Primary Health Units.
- (19) Aijal Subdivision—11 dispensaries including 1 Primary Health Unit.
- (20) Lungleh Subdivision—17 dispensaries including 1 Primary Health Unit.
- (21) Garo Hills Subdivision—25 dispensaries including 3 Primary Health Units.

- (22) M'kir Hil's Subdivision—14 dispensaries including 4 Primary Health Units.
 (23) North Cachar Hills Subdivision—11 dispensaries including 2 Primary Health Units.

Total—709 dispensaries including 71 Primary Health Units.

(c)—The question is not quite clear. The site for new dispensaries to be opened have not been selected yet.

(d)—It is not clear what the Hon'ble Questioner means by 'these localities'. Generally common diseases are digestive troubles, respiratory diseases, minor eye complaints, fevers, minor injuries, skin diseases and worm infection, etc.

Re: Conditions of the Brahmaputra Baluchar' settlement

Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH (Amguri) asked :

*287. Will the Minister, Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

- With whom, when, how and on what conditions the Brahmaputra 'Baluchar' of Gauhati town, was settled in this year ?
- Whether it is a fact that unlike preceding years this time the Baluchar, is settled privately without any auction or open bid ?
- If so, why so ?
- Whether Government propose to cancel this settlement and resettle it in auction or open bid ?

Shri CHATRASING TERON (Minister, Local Self-Government)

replied :

287. (a)—The Sukleswar Baluchar has been settled with Shri Nuruddin Ahmed for 1962-63 on 24th May 1962 for Rs.2,000 only on the basis of total income derived from the Baluchar in 1961-62, for collection of country boat mooring charges, weekly toll of poultry market and sale of sand and earth.

(b) & (c)—The Sukleswar Baluchar was managed by the Municipality themselves in 1960-61 and 1961-62. The 'Baluchar' has been settled for 1962-63 with Shri Nuruddin Ahmed, as the income from the 'Baluchar' in 1961-62 was less than the expenditure that the Municipal Board had to incur for looking after collection in the Baluchar.

(d)—No.

Re: Smuggling of Gold while crossing the Indo-Pakistan Border

Shri TARAPADA BHATTACHARJEE (Kotigora) asked :

*288. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

- Whether Mrs. Zubeda Aatur Rahman, ex-President, Assam Legislative Council was arrested by the Police in the early part of 1962 in the process of smuggling gold while crossing the Indo-Pakistan Border near Dawki ?
- What was the quantity of gold that was found in search ?
- What action has been taken against her for this illicit smuggling ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

288. (a)—No, but on 19th January, 1961 while Mrs. Rahman was proceeding to Pakistan, Indian Customs Authorities at Dawki seized from her some gold ornaments and currency for violation of provisions of Land and Sea Customs Act and Foreign Exchange Regulations.

(b)—29 tolas 4 annas of gold.

(c)—The case has since been decided by the Central Excise and Land Customs Department, Government of India. The gold ornaments in question were confiscated with an option to pay fine in lieu of confiscation and a personal penalty of Rs.2,000 was imposed on Mrs. Rahman which she paid on 8th June 1962.

Re : Infection of Leprosy in Golaghat Subdivision

Shri NARENDRA NATH SARMA (Bokakhat) asked :

*289. Will the Minister of Medical be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that leprosy is infecting itself in the Plains Tribal Miri villages of Golaghat Subdivision, specially in the Mohura Mouza in Riri, Bonkowal, Bortika, Nikari and other villages ?
- (b) Whether the West Anchalik Panchayat and the public lately requested the department to take some steps in this regard ?
- (c) Whether Government has opened a Sub-Centre at Bonkual for giving medical treatment to the Leprosy patients in particular ?
- (d) Whether Government propose the survey the villages and make immediate arrangement for treatment of the patients suffering from this disease ?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister, Medical) replied :

- (a)—We have no such information.
- (b)—No request from the Public or Anchalik Panchayat has been received.
- (c)—No.
- (d)—Yes. One Leprosy Field Worker has been detailed to carry out survey in the area. The question of opening of treatment centres will be considered in the light of the findings after completion of the survey.

Re : Acquisition of Land in Kokrajhar Subdivision for Irrigation Scheme, Embankment and Roads

Raja AJIT NARAYAN DEB (Kokrajhar) asked :

*290. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state—

- (a) The extent of land acquired by Government in Kokrajhar Subdivision for—
 - (i) Mulagaon-Barshangaon irrigation scheme in Sidli Police Station ;

- (ii) Railway embankment along the Champamati river near Basugaon station in the village Thuribari ;
- (iii) Dotma-Sapatgram Road (Public Works Department) under Fakiragram Dihi ?
- (b) Whether compensation has so far been paid for the lands to the land owners ?
- (c) If not, why not ?
- (d) Whether Government propose to hold an early enquiry into the causes of delay in payment of compensation and take necessary steps not only to expedite the payment but also to punish the Government employees responsible for such delay ?
- (e) The probable date the compensation may be paid ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Minister of State, Revenue) replied:

290. (a) —No land has yet been finally acquired but the following areas are under process of acquisition—

- (i) 110B-2K-8L.
- (ii) 24B-3K-16L.
- (iii) 91B-2K-4L.

(b) — No.

(c) —As regards (a) (i) above, the payment could not be made as some interested persons prayed for time for filing objections against the valuation fixed by the Collector. After the objections were filed they were asked to substantiate their claims but very recently they have filed a joint petition saying that they cannot substantiate their claim. The objections were then rejected, the apportionment list prepared, the award made and date of payment fixed on 2nd August 1962. Regarding (a) (ii) after service of the notice, under section 9(i) it was found that there were certain irregularities. Hence it became necessary to issue fresh notice. The Collector is taking necessary action to issue fresh notice and the payment will be made as early as possible. As regards, (a) (iii), on inviting objections, under section 5A of the L. A. Act, petitions were filed by about 200 persons for correction of records on various grounds which necessitated thorough verification on the spot. In course of verification on the spot it transpired that some strips of tenanted land were wrongly recorded as Khas land. Necessary corrections had to be made therefore in all relevant records, and revised L. A. papers sent to the Requiring authority for further action. The payment could not yet be made as the acquisition proceedings could not be completed for the reasons stated.

(d) —Does not arise in view of the position explained above.

(e) —Date of payment in respect of (i) has been fixed on 2nd August 1962. Payment in respect of (ii) will be made within a month or two and in cases of (iii) payment will take some time as the acquisition proceedings will have to pass through various stages.

Re: Complaint against a Lower Primary School Teacher

Shri MOHANANDA BORA (Bihpuria) asked:

*291. Will the Minister-in-charge of Education be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government have lately received any complaint of serious nature from the people of Dhunabari area of North Lachimpur Subdivision against a Lower Primary School Teacher ?

- (b) Whether these allegations have been enquired into by any officer and if so, by whom and what was the result ?
- (c) Whether Lower Primary School teachers are allowed to take active part in General elections ?
- (d) Who can take action against a Lower Primary School teacher when he does something contrary to the rules ?

Shri DEV KANT BOROOAH (Minister, Education) replied :

291. (a)—Yes. A complaint was received from one A. C. Doley of Dhunagirigaon P. O.

(b)—Yes. The allegations were enquired into by the Secretary, School Board, North Lakhimpur through the Sub-Inspector of Schools, Bihpuria. The charge of taking part in political activities could not be substantiated.

(c)—No

(d)—The Secretary, School Board concerned.

Re: Pending Cases in each of Subdivisional Civil Court

Shri TAJUDDIN AHMED (Tarabari) asked :

*292. Will the Minister, Judicial be pleased to state—

- (a) How many cases are pending in each of Subdivisional Civil Court offices of this State ?
- (b) How many Office Assistants are there in each Civil Court Offices and since when these staff are there ?
- (c) Whether Government is aware that considering the volume of work now the existing Office Assistants cannot cope with the work ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that the disposed of cases of many Civil Court offices of this State have not been sent to the record room even since 1956 ?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Law) replied :

292. (a)—Statement showing the number of pending Civil cases in each of Subdivisional Courts are placed on the Library Table.

(b)—Statement showing the number of Office Assistants in each Civil Court office are also placed on the Library Table.

(c)—No.

(d)—Except the Munsiff Courts at Barpeta and North Lakhimpur, there is no other Civil Court where the disposed of cases have not been sent to the Record Room since 1956. Statement showing the present position of such cases are placed on the Library Table.

Re: Grants to an Aided High or Middle English School

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA (Thowra) asked :

*293. Will the Minister-in-charge, Education be pleased to state—

- (a) What is the present procedure of sanctioning grants to an Aided High or Middle English School, where Government sanctioned aid and where more than 300 pupils exist ?

- (b) What was the practice in the past ?
- (c) Whether this practice is properly working ?
- (d) If the answer is in the negative, whether Government propose to revise the procedure ?

Shri DEV KANT BOROOAH (Minister, Education) replied :

293. (a)—Grants are sanctioned after calculation of actual deficit for the year after receipt of particulars from the schools.

- (b)—The same.
- (c)—Yes.
- (d)—Does not arise.

Re: Regular payment of bill to Aided High Schools

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA (Thowra) asked :

*294. Will the Minister-in-charge, Education be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government sanction Bills of an Aided High School regularly every month or quarterly ?
- (b) Whether the Scheduled grants previously enjoyed were paid regularly ?
- (c) If so, what is the present practice of sending grants to an Aided High or Middle English School ?

Shri DEV KANT BOROOAH (Minister, Education) replied :

294. (a)—Every month. Bills are to be submitted by the School for countersignature to the proper authority, *viz.*, Deputy Inspector of Schools in case of Middle English Schools and Inspector of Schools in case of High Schools. The schools can submit bill every month after the grant is sanctioned or renewed.

(b)—The term "Scheduled Grants" used by the Hon'ble member could not be understood.

(c)—Grants are sanctioned by Government or Director of Public Instruction and drawn by the schools in bills which are countersigned by the respective Officers as stated in (a) above.

Re: Non-receipt of Grant in time

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA (Thowra) asked :

*295. Will the Minister-in-charge, Education be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that many High and Middle English Schools are suffering for non-receipt of grants regularly and teachers could not be paid regularly ?
- (b) If so, where the defect lies ?

Shri DEV KANT BORGOAH (Minister, Education) replied :

295. (a) & (b)—Some delay in renewal of the grants may occur at the beginning of the financial year but once the grant is sanctioned or renewed it is up to the schools to submit bills regularly. Generally grants are renewed during May and June. Sometimes the schools also do not draw the grant regularly.

Re: Registration in the Employment Registration Office

Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH (Amguri) asked :

*296. Will the Minister-in-charge, Labour be pleased to state—

- (a) The number of the unemployed registered in the Employment Registration Offices of the State each year of the Second Five-Year Plan period ?
- (b) The number of such youths employed through Employment Exchange Offices each year of the Second Five-Year Plan period ?
- (c) The employment potentiality envisaged during the Third Plan period ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Labour) replied :

296. (a)—The total number of persons registered at the Employment Exchanges of the State for each year of the Second Five-Year Plan period is given below—

Year					Total number of persons registered by the Employment Exchanges in the State
1956	...	...	...	...	31,499
1957	...	...	...	...	31,554
1958	...	...	...	...	43,190
1959	...	...	...	...	58,576
1960	...	...	...	...	50,730

(b)—The total number of such persons employed through Employment Exchanges each year of the Second Five-Year Plan period is given below—

Year					Total number of youth employed through Employment Exchanges in the State
1956	...	...	...	..	2,897
1957	...	...	...	...	2,801
1958	...	...	...	...	2,163
1959	...	...	..	...	2,972
1960	...	...	...	..	3,516

(c)—The employment potentiality envisaged during the Third Plan period is detailed below—

I.—Constructions—

(i) Industries and minerals including cottage and small scale industry.	Thousands
	45
(ii) Other sectors	26
Total construction employment ...	71

II.—Continuing employment—

(i) Agriculture and allied pursuits Co-operative and Community Development.	48
(ii) Irrigation and power	10
(iii) Industry and Mining (including tea industry).	62
(iv) Transport and Communication	22
(v) Social services	34
(vi) Miscellaneous including administration ...	3
Total continuing employment ...	179
Total direct employment ...	250

III.—Indirect employment in Trade, Transport, Commerce, etc., estimated at 56 per cent of the total direct employment. 140

Grand Total ... 390

Re : Proposal of the Cancer Hospital at Tezpur

Shri MOHI KANTA DAS (Borchalla) asked

*297. Will the Minister, Medical be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether there is any proposal for the establishment of the Cancer Hospital at Tezpur ?
- (b) If so, when Government propose to take up the work ?
- (c) If not, where Government propose to establish the same ?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister, Medical) replied :

297. (a)—No.

(b)—Does not arise.

(c)—A Cancer Hospital may be started under Medical College, Gauhati.

Re : Copy Petitions in Baghbar Circle Office

Shri TAJUDDIN AHMED (Tarabari) asked :

*298. Will the Minister, Revenue be pleased to state—

- (a) How many copy petitions are there in Baghbar Circle Office within Barpeta Subdivision and since when they are pending ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that the present copyist is an under-qualified person and he cannot write the copies properly ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that there were many properly and highly qualified applicants for the job of copyist of this office ?
- (d) Why they were not taken ?
- (e) What steps Government will take to give copies in time to the applicants in this office ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Minister of State, Revenue) replied :

298. (a) to (e)—Materials are being collected.

Re : Office room in Barpeta Civil Court

Shri TAJUDDIN AHMED (Tarabari) asked :

*299. Will the Minister, Revenue be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that there is no office room for the Civil Office Assistants of Barpeta Civil Court ?
- (b) What steps Government are taking to provide necessary office accommodation there ?
- (c) What is the income and expenditure every year during last 5 years of Barpeta Civil Court ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Minister of State, Revenue) replied :

299. (a) to (c)—Materials are being collected.

Re : Trainees in Basic Training School

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA Thowra asked :

*300. Will the Minister, Education be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that the Government decided to send trainees to Basic Training School from the Tea Garden School ?
- (b) If so, when the decision was taken ?
- (c) Whether Government have already sent trainees ?
- (d) If so, what was the number ?
- (e) If not, why ?

Shrimati KOMOL KUMARI BARUA (Deputy Minister, Education) replied :

300. (a)—Yes.

(b)—In June 1961.

(c)—The Tea Industry want certain clarifications with regard to the financial responsibility. Pending this, no teacher has been deputed so far. The clarifications have since been made.

(d)—Does not arise.

(e)—Please see (c) above.

Re • Sanction of C. I. Sheets in Barpeta Subdivision

Shri MAHADEB DAS [Bhabanipur (Reserve for Scheduled Castes)] asked :

*301. Will the Minister, Supply be pleased to state—

- (a) Since how long the quota of C. I. Sheets has not been sanctioned to Barpeta Subdivision ?
- (b) Whether Government propose to allot new quota before 31st August, 1962 for the said Subdivision ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister, Supply) replied :

- 301. (a)—Quotas are being regularly allotted.
- (b)—Yes.

Re : Importing Goods from abroad

Shri DEVENDRA NATH SARMA (Gauhati) asked :

*302. Will the Minister of Industries be pleased to state whether Government has moved the Union Government to encourage private traders of Assam to import goods from abroad ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister, Trade and Commerce) replied :

302.—Yes.

Re : State Dental Council Meeting

Shri DULAL CHANDRA BARUA (Jorhat) asked :

*303. Will the Minister-in-charge of Medical be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that the Director of Health Services who is the President of State Dental Council also Health Services did not convene any meeting of the Council during the last four years ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that meetings are to be convened at least once in two years ?
- (c) Whether Government is aware that the World Health Organisation has offered two hundred and fifty Mobile Dental Dispensaries to different States of India ?
- (d) Whether any such dispensaries have been secure for the State of Assam ?
- (e) If so, how many ?
- (f) If not, why not ?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister, Medical) replied :

303. (a)—Yes. It was not called mainly due to paucity of fund of the Council to meet the expense on account of T. A. of the members. There was also no demand from the members in writing.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—Government have no information about offering of Mobile Dental Dispensaries by the World Health Organisation.

(d) to (f)—Do not arise.

Re : Number of Cancer Patients

Shri DULAL CHANDRA BARUA (Jorhat) asked :

*304. Will the Minister-in-charge, Medical be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government is aware that number of Cancer patients are increasing day by day in the State ?

(b) If so, what step Government propose to take for treatment of the increasing number of patients which cannot be attended to by only one College at Dibrugarh ?

(c) How many of such patients were not admitted into the Barbari College during the last three years ?

(d) Whether it is a fact that the only available Deep X-Ray Therapy machine in the Barbari College goes frequently out of order causing much difficulties to various serious patients ?

(e) What steps Government proposes to take in this regard

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister, Medical) replied :

304. (a)—It cannot be definitely said without proper survey whether there is increase but more cases are being diagnosed and so coming up for treatment

(b)—It is proposed to establish one special Cancer Hospital under the Medical College, Gauhati.

(c)—In the Assam Medical College, Dibrugarh out of 1,344 cases diagnosed in the Department of E. N. T. 415 cases were not admitted since 1959. They were, however, given necessary advice. In other Departments, viz., Surgery, Gynecology and Medicine, all cases diagnosed as Cancer were admitted where considered necessary.

(d)—No. It was out of order only once since its installation and was immediately repaired.

(e)—Does not arise

Re : Arrest of innocent people at the instance of Oil India Co., Ltd.

Shri LAKSHMI PRASAD GOSWAMI (Laharighat) asked :

*305. Will the Minister-in charge of Revenue be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether he received any telegraphic complaint, dated 24th March, 1962 from the President and Secretary of Bordubi Panchayat complaining arrest of innocent people at the instance of Oil India Co., Ltd., because the people refused to give up possession of their land without compensation ?
- (b) What steps Government has taken to stop such forcible eviction of the land owners by the Oil India Ltd., without determination and payment of adequate compensation ?
- (c) Whether Government propose to take steps to create confidence in the minds of these poor peasants by assuring them that they would be given adequate compensation before taking possession of their land by the Oil India Ltd

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Minister of State, Revenue) replied :

305. (a) & (b)—Government received such telegraphic complaint which was enquired into. Enquiries made by the Deputy Commissioner, Lakhimpur revealed no case of forcible dispossession of land-owners by Oil India. Some persons were arrested for obstructing entry into land for which Oil India obtained permission under Rule 190, under Chapter VIII of the Assam Land Revenue Regulation

(c) —Adequate compensation assessed in conformity with the provisions of the Land Acquisition Act will certainly be paid at the stage laid down by law when land is acquired for the Oil India Ltd., as in all other cases. In case of damage or injury to the property affected by permission under the said Rule 190, Deputy Commissioner has already assessed the compensation payable and steps have been taken for payment of the same.

Re : Spreading of Cancer throughout Assam

Shri LILA KANTA BORAH (Kaliabor) asked :

*306. Will the Minister-in-charge of Medical be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government are aware that of late Cancer is spreading throughout Assam like anything ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that the percentage of death due to Cancer is the highest in Assam in comparison with other States of India ?
- (c) Whether the Deep X-Ray treatment that is given in the Assam Medical College is the only treatment available to such patients in Assam?

- (d) Whether Government proposed to establish a Cancer institute in Assam when the latest or the best possible treatment so far available may be given to the patients ?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister, Medical) replied :

306. (a)—More cases are coming up for treatment now. But it cannot be said that it is spreading like anything.

(b)—There are no comparable figures available to justify the contention but the figures are being collected.

(c)—Yes.

(d) —It is proposed to establish one Cancer Hospital at Gauhati which will be attached to the Gauhati Medical College.

Re: Family Planning Clinic in each Community Development Block

Shri MOHANANDA BORA (Bihpuria) asked :

*307. Will the Minister-in-charge of Medical be pleased to state—

- (a) What is the progress of opening family planning clinic in each C. D. Block as assured in reply to starred question No.194 asked by Shri Dandeswar Hazarika, M.L.A., on 11th April 1960 ?
- (b) How many family planning clinics has since been established in urban and rural areas (figures should be subdivision-wise) ?
- (c) Whether all the clinics so far opened are attended by the qualified physicians ?
- (d) How many clinics will be opened this year and what are the places proposed for opening such clinics ?
- (e) What is the non-recurring and recurring expenditure for each clinic ?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister, Medical) replied :

307. (a)—Up-till now 36 Family Planning Clinics have been opened in the C. D. Block Areas.

(b)—	District	Subdivision	Urban	Rural
United Khasi and Jaintia Hills	Jowai ...	..	0	2
	Shillong...	...	2	3
United Mikir and North Cachar Hills	Hailong...	...	0	2
	Diphu ...	...	1	1

District			Subdivision		Urban	Rural
Cachar ...	...	...	Silchar ...	..	1	2
			Karimganj	...	0	5
			Hailakandi	...	0	3
Nowgong	...	...	Nowgong	...	2	7
Sibsagar ...	..	...	Jorhat ...	...	1	3
			Golaghat	...	1	4
			Sibsagar	...	1	2
Lakhimpur	...	...	North-Lakhimpur		0	1
			Dibrugarh	...	1	6
Darrang ...	..	...	Tezpur ...	..	1	4
			Mangaldai	...	1	3
Garo Hills	...	...	Tura ...	...	1	2
Goalpara...	...	..	Goalpara	...	2	2
			Dhubri ...	...	3	5
			Kokrajhar	...	1	1
Mizo Hills	...	...	Aijal ..	...	1	0
			Lungleh	...	0	4
Kamrup ...	...	...	Gauhati...	...	2	7
			Barpeta ...	...	0	5
Total ...					22	74

(c)—Yes.

(d)—Propose to open 50 clinic-places not yet finalised.

(e)—

Non-recurring

Recurring

Rural.. 14,140

2,200

Urban... 19,760

3,000

} As per Government of India's pattern.

Re: Number of cases of misappropriation of Khadi and Village Industries Board Fund

Shri DULAL CHANDRA BARUA (Jorhat) asked :

*308. Will the Minister-in-charge of Khadi and Village Industries be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that a number of cases of misappropriation of Khadi and Village Industries Board Fund was detected by the Khadi and Village Industries Department ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that interested persons are blocking enquiry into and prosecution of these cases ?

Shri MAHENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Minister, Khadi and Village Industries) replied :

308. (a).—Yes. There are 3 (three) cases of misappropriations so far detected namely :—

		Amount misappropriated Rs.
1. Rampur Khadi Production Centre ...	...	9,052.12
2. Majuli Model Ghani Centre ...	...	4,115.47
3. Pathori Model Ghani Centre ...	..	4,812.09

(b).—No. The above cases are pending in the Court after police investigation.

Re: Demand of Corrugated Iron Sheets

Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH (Amguri) asked :

*309. Will the Minister, Supply be pleased to state—

(a) The number of petitions and quantity of C. I. Sheets demanded by the applicant each year during and after the 2nd Five-Year Plan in the State ?

(b) The quotas sanctioned for the State during that period ?

(c) The quantities lifted by the Stockists ?

(d) Whether the quotas were lifted in time ?

(e) If not, why not ?

(f) What action Government has taken to increase the quotas ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister, Supply) replied :

309. (a).—The information is being collected.

(b).—During the 2nd Plan period 51,221.5 tonnes of C. I. Sheets were allotted to the State and during 1961-62 another quantity of 16,046.5 tonnes was allotted under Agricultural, Non-Agricultural and G. D. S. quota Heads.

(c).—If the honourable Member means the quantities which have been lifted then the reply is that during the 2nd Plan period 220,888 bundles and during 1961-62 another 60,281 bundles were received.

(d).—No.

(e).—Procurement of C. I. Sheets by the State depends entirely on the capacity of the producers to supply the indented materials. Transport bottle-neck was also partly responsible for this.

(f).—The attention of the Hon'ble member is drawn to the reply to the unstarred question No.60 (a) of the June Session of the Assembly, 1962.

*Re: Corrugated Iron Sheets***Shri MOHANANDA BORA (Bihpuria)** asked :

*310. Will the Minister, Supply be pleased to state—

- (a) The quantity of C. I. Sheets that has been brought to Assam on various accounts during the last six years' figures should be shown year by year ?
- (b) Whether Government is aware that there is demand from every corner for permit of C. I. Sheets to the Subdivisional Authority as well as to the State Authority ?
- (c) Whether there is any hope of further improvement of supply of C. I. Sheets after commissioning of the three new iron factories ?
- (d) When the supply of C. I. Sheets may be improved and when control can finally be lifted ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister, Supply) replied :

310. (a)—1956-57	...	...	...	57,141 bundles.
1957-58	...	...	...	50,663 „
1958-59	...	...	...	26,132 „
1959-60	...	..	...	31,037 „
1960-61	..	...	...	55,910 „
1961-62	...	...	...	60,281 „

(b)—Yes.

(c) & (d)—The three newly constructed steel plants are now producing only rods and bars, etc., and when these new steel plants go into production of C. I. Sheets the supply position is expected to improve. The removal of control over C. I. Sheets rests with the Government of India.

*Re: Target of procurement of Paddy in 1962***Shri MOHANANDA BORA (Bihpuria)** asked :

*311. Will the Minister-in-charge of Supply be pleased to state —

- (a) What was the target of procurement of paddy in 1962 and what has been procured till now, Subdivision-wise ?
- (b) What is the causes of such low procurement, whether there is any defect in procurement machinery ?
- (c) Who are the procuring agencies now ?
- (d) Whether Government is aware that though procurement is less and though the market price is high yet there is enough paddy and rice in the open market by one or other means ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister, Supply) replied :

311. (a)—Target of procurement was fixed for the different procurement zones and not Subdivision-wise. The target fixed for procurement and the quantity procured in the different procurement areas are as follows—

Name of Area	Target fixed for the Kharif Year 1961-62 (i.e., Nov. 1961-Oct. 1962)	Quantity procured till 21st June 1962
	Figures in M/tonnes	Figures in M/tonnes
(1)	(2)	(3)
(1) Gauhati Area comprising of (i) Gauhati Subdivision, (ii) Barpeta Subdivision, (iii) Part of Mangaldai Subdivision.	29,856.00	13,176.00
(2) Tezpur Area comprising of (i) Tezpur Subdivision, (ii) Part of Mangaldai Subdivision.	39,190.00	10,958.00
(3) Nowgong Area comprising of entire Nowgong District and part of United Mikir and North Cachar Hills.	1,06,373.00	30,004.00
(4) Jorhat Area comprising of Sibsagar District and Bokajan Area of North Cachar and Mikir Hills District.	13,996.00	6,868.00
(5) Dhubri Area comprising of entire Goalpara District.	7,465.00	3,149.00
(6) Silchar Area comprising of entire Cachar District.	9,323.00	5,062.00
(7) Dibrugarh Area comprising of Dibrugarh Subdivision.	3,733.00	21.00
(8) North Lakhimpur Area comprising of North Lakhimpur Subdivision.	11,198.00	6,034.00

(b)—Unsatisfactory harvest of last winter crop and poor arrivals at market consequent on hoarding on a small scale by well-to-do farmers due to uncertain crop prospects are the causes of low procurement. There appears to be no defect in the procurement machinery but experience will gradually bring to light whether there is any defect in the machinery.

(c)—Co-operatives throughout the State except Dhemaji, Sissi, Machkhowa, Dhakuakhana and Bordoloni Areas of Lakhimpur District where a few selected dealers have been given licenses in addition to Co-operatives.

(d)—No. The general supply position of rice and paddy is unsatisfactory at present.

Re: Office of the Inspector of Schools, South Assam Circle

Shri TARAPADA BHATTACHARJEE (Katigora) asked :

*312. Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that the office of the Inspector of Schools, South Assam Circle, is accommodated in a rented house at Silchar from the very inception of the office ?
- (b) If so, what is the total amount paid so far towards the rent of the house ?
- (c) Whether there is any proposal for construction of the office building ?
- (d) If so, when this proposal has been sanctioned and what is the amount estimated ?
- (e) Whether the land has been allotted for the purpose ?
- (f) If so, what is the area of the land ?
- (g) Whether the area is sufficient to meet the requirement ?
- (h) Whether there is any arrangement of Government quarters for the Inspector of Schools ?
- (i) If not, whether Government propose to provide Government quarters for the Inspector of Schools ?

Shri DEV KANT BOROOAH (Minister, Education) replied :

312. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Rs. 17,280.

(c)—Yes. There is a proposal for construction of a two storied building for accommodation of the office of the Inspector of Schools, Southern Assam Circle, Silchar at an estimated cost of Rs. 1,43,900. But a plot of land measuring only half bigha allotted by the Deputy Commissioner, Cachar for the purpose is found to be quite insufficient. Hence, Government is now considering to take over the adjacent plot of Khas land which is lying vacant on the Northern side of the land allotted for the office of the Inspector of Schools, Southern Assam Circle, Silchar.

(d) to (g)—Do not arise in view of the above.

(h)—No.

(i)—Due to non-availability of land it has not been possible to take up the proposal.

Re : Condition of the roads of North-Lakhimpur Town Committee

Shri MOHANANDA BORA (Bihpuria) asked

*313. Will the Minister-in-charge of Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government is aware about the condition of the roads of North-Lakhimpur Town Committee where innumerable heavy vehicles are plying day and night making the roads impassable for pedestrians and lighter traffic ?

- (b) Whether Government has received any communication from the Town Committee for grants or loan from Government for improving the conditions of these roads ?
- (c) Whether the Subdivisional Officer has sent any information that in front of his bungalow vehicles are stuck up in mud and the road has become impassable for pedestrians ?
- (d) Whether the election of this Town Committee regarding Chairman and Vice-Chairman was done according to rules ?
- (e) Whether Government will call for an immediate report from the Subdivisional Officer, North-Lakhimpur regarding the anomalies in the recent elections of Chairman and Vice-Chairman of North-Lakhimpur Town Committee ?

Shri CHATRASING TERON (Minister, Local Self-Government) replied :

313. (a)—Yes. It appears that the vehicles of the Railways and also their contractors' and State Transport vehicles have caused damages to the Town Committee's roads but the extent of such damage to the roads is not known to Government.

(b)—Yes. A copy of a Resolution of the Town Committee asking the Government to give a substantial grant for this purpose has been received but no formal proposal for the purpose with plans and estimates has been received.

(c)—No.

(d) & (e)—A report has been called for from the Subdivisional Officer, North-Lakhimpur.

Re : Terms and conditions of Settlement of Land with Co-operative Society and Samabaya Samities

Shri LAKSHMI PRASAD GOSWAMI (Laharighat) asked :

*314. Will the Minister-in-charge of Forests be pleased to state—

- (a) The terms and conditions on which (i) Rupahi Union Co-operative Society and (ii) Brahmaputra Krishi Samabaya Samity were allowed to cultivate 2,500 bighas of land within Laokhowa Forest Reserve in the year 1958 ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that the terms of these societies to cultivate the land expired on the 31st of December 1961 ?
- (c) Whether the area has been settled with any other society after the expiry of the terms of the lease ?

- (d) If so, when ?
- (e) If the answer to (c) above is in affirmative (i) the name of the society, (ii) the total membership of the society, (iii) the names of the office-bearers of the society ?
- (f) How many of them are landless ?
- (g) What are the conditions on which this society was granted settlement ?
- (h) Whether it is a fact that there is large scale encroachment on this Forest Reserve ?
- (i) Whether it is a fact that the whole of this Forest Reserve is going to be dereserved soon ?

Shri LALIT KUMAR DOLEY (Deputy Minister, Forests) replied :

314. (a) to (i)—Information is called for.

Re : Encroachment in Kaziranga Game Sanctuary

Shri NARENDRA NATH SARMA (Bokakhat) asked :

*315. Will the Minister of Forests be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that some people encroached the adjacent land of Kaziranga Game Sanctuary specially in front of Mihirmukh recently ?
- (b) Whether this is a danger to the wild lives and a barrier to the future development of the Sanctuary ?
- (c) Whether Government propose to take immediate steps to evict the new encroachers from this area ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that the encroachers are not a people of this State ?
- (e) Whether Government propose to enquire how these people are taking shelter in the Sanctuary in a planned way ?

Shri LALIT KUMAR DOLEY (Deputy Minister, Forests) replied :

315. (a)—No.

(b)—Does not arise.

(c)—Does not arise.

(d)—Does not arise.

(e)—The matter has been enquired by the Settlement Officer, Sibsagar and stated that 15 Muslim families in Kahora No.2 village under Kaziranga Mouza near the Kaziranga Wild Life Sanctuary have purchased recently some periodic patta land from the local pattadars and have constructed dwelling houses and cultivated land under purchase.

Another 3 Muslim families in Sildubi No.1 under Kaziranga Mouza are cultivating periodic patta land of some pattadars on adli basis.

Re : Requisition of Land of Amologuri Tea Estate**Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA (Thowra)** asked :***316.** Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that 900 bighas of tea garden land belonging to the Amologuri tea estate in Sibsagar were requisitioned in 1957-58 for distribution to local landless people ?
- (b) Whether the same area later proved to be 600 bighas or so ?
- (c) Whether the said plot was allotted to 200 families at the rate of 4 bighas or so ?
- (d) Whether the above families deposited the compensation money into the local Treasury ?
- (e) Whether the land was distributed ?
- (f) If not, what are the reasons ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Minister of State, Revenue) replied :

316. (a) & (b)—The Land Settlement Advisory Committee approved a proposal on 18th December 1957 for requisition of 900 bighas of land from the said Amologuri Grant of the Mohkhuti tea estate and accordingly requisition order was passed on 15th May 1958. Subsequently the Board decided on 25th February 1959 that only 659 bighas of land should be requisitioned as offered by the tea estate in 7 grants including this grant as the major portion of the area of 900 bighas had been occupied by the Garden labourers in the meantime. Accordingly the Subdivisional Officer has requisitioned 659 bighas of land on 18th April 1960 from the various grants of the tea estate.

(c)—No. Originally there was a proposal to allot land to 210 families in the Amologuri Grant but when the area requisitioned there was found to be only 190 bighas, it could not be possible to allot land to all of them there.

(d)—One year's requisition compensation was deposited by 183 families.

(e) & (f)—As stated above there was a proposal to allot land to 210 families but subsequently it was found that the total quantity of land available in the said Amologuri Grant was only 190 bighas. The land could not therefore be distributed to all these families in the Amologuri Grant as this would have given to each family an area of less than a bigha. They were then allotted land in the different requisitioned grants but only 18 families occupied land in Mohkhuti and Rokang Grants of the same tea estate and others have refused to accept land in any other grants except Amologuri.

Re : Total area of Phatemabad Tea Garden

Shri MAHADEB DAS [Bhabanipur (Reserved for Scheduled Castes)] asked :

*317. Will the Minister, Revenue be pleased to state—

- (a) The total area of Phatemabad Tea Garden grants in Barpeta Subdivision ?
- (b) The total area under Tea of this Grant ?
- (c) What is the area of land available for requisition in order to settle the same with landless cultivators of the neighbouring villages ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Minister of State, Revenue) replied

317. (a)—The total area of the tea garden is 5310B-4K-1L.

(b)—The total area under tea plantation is 1674B-1K-10L.

(c)—An area of 1,892 bighas of land, available for cultivation was requisitioned and allotted to landless and river-eroded people.

Re : Expenditure of Gauhati Development Authority

Shri DEVENDRA NATH SARMA (Gauhati) asked :

*318. Will the Minister of Town and Country Planning be pleased to state—

- (a) The total amount placed at the disposal of the Chairman, Gauhati Development Authority in 1960-61, 1961-62 and 1962-63 ?
- (b) The total amount spent in Establishment of the office of the Chairman, Gauhati Development Authority including the Touring Expenses of the Chairman in 1960-61 and 1961-62 ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Town and Country Planning Department) replied :

318. (a)—1960-61 Rs. 10 lakhs, 1961-62 Rs.74,408, 1962-63 Nil so far ?

(b)—1960-61 Nil, 1961-62 Rs.1,12,240.

Re : The Spun-Silk Mill

Raja AJIT NARAYAN DEB (Kokrajhar) asked :

*319. Will the Minister, Industries be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether the Spun-Silk Mill is commissioned for production of Spun-Silk ?

(b) Whether the said Mill was inaugurated in December 1961 ?

(c) The quantity of Spun-Silk produced so far since its establishment ?

(d) The capacity of the said Mill regarding monthly production of Silk ?

(e) Whether the raw material available is enough to work the said mill for 12 months in the year ?

(f) Whether water required for the Mill is available in sufficient quantity ?

(g) The price fixed by the Government for selling the Silk manufactured in the said Mill ?

(h) The cost of production per lb. of silk, including salary of staff, depreciation of Machineries and the raw materials ?

(i) The total amount of capital laid out the establishment of the said Mill ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

319. (a)—Yes, after the preliminary training period the Mill would go into full production.

(b)—Yes, on 18th December 1961.

(c)—1499.012 Kgs. of Spun-Silk and 1258.21 Kgs. of Noil yarn till 31st May 1962.

(d)—When operating in one shift, the Mill is expected to produce 34020 Kgs. (37500 lbs.) of Spun-Silk and 17010 Kgs. (25,000 lbs.) of Noil yarn per year. The monthly production of Spun-Silk would be 2835 Kgs. and of Noil yarn 1890 Kgs. in two shifts.

(e)—Yes.

(f)—The honourable Member is referred to reply to starred question No.32(a) asked by Shri Lakshmi Prasad Goswami in the June 1962 Session of the Assembly.

(g)—The price will be fixed by the Board of Directors as soon as the yarn is ready for sale after grassing.

(h)—Actual costing will be done only when the Mill goes into full production.

(i)—Total expenditure incurred up to May 1962 is Rs.50,46,748.

Re: Enforcement of the Panchayat Act in Forest Villages

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA (Thowra) asked :

*320. Will the Minister-in-charge of Forests be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that Government have decided to enforce the Panchayat Act in the Forest villages ?

- (b) If so, when was the decision taken ?
- (c) Whether the said decision was implemented ?
- (d) If not, why not ?

Shri LOLIT KUMAR DOLEY (Deputy Minister, Forests) replied:

320. (a)—Yes.

(b)—In 1961.

(c)—Not yet.

(d)—Complete enforcement of the Panchayat Act in the Forest Villages of Reserve Forest without detriment to the Forests is a difficult task. It is also not desirable to deprive the Forest Villagers of the benefit of Panchayat Raj. Government earlier decided to extend the Panchayat Act in full to a three-mile belt and to withdraw the rest of the Reserve Forest from the scope of the Panchayat Act and prescribe executive rules for extending Panchayat Raj to such interior areas. Subsequently, it was felt that this would serve no useful purpose as restrictions on the exercise of their powers by the Panchayats shall have to continue even within the three-mile belt and there would be difficulty in developing the interior areas if they were excluded from the Panchayat Act, and consequently from the jurisdiction of the Anchalik Panchayat. Hence, Government have now decided to extend the Panchayat Act to all the Forest Villages, whether these are in interior areas or in three-mile belt of the Reserve Forest. As a protective measure for Forests, a suitable rule under the Act is proposed to be framed stating that in all matters of construction, excavation, or other utilisation of lands included in the Reserve Forest as well as all matters which are likely to affect tree growth or wild animals, the permission of the Forest Department shall have to be obtained before the Gaon or Anchalik Panchayat can undertake any work. Steps are being taken to demarcate the boundaries of the Gaon Sabha for the various Forest Villages so that Gaon Sabhas can be constituted.

Re: Baghchung Naragaon Village Grazing Reserve

Shri DANDESWAR HAZARIKA (Golaghat) asked:

*321. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state—

- (a) The total area of the Baghchung Naragaon Village Grazing Reserve in the Subdivision of Golaghat ?
- (b) The total area under encroachment ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that the major portion including the burial ground in the Village Grazing Reserve is under illegal occupation ?
- (d) If so, what action has been taken by Government to evict the encroachers ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Minister of State, Revenue) replied :

321. (a)—123B-0K-2L.

(b)—15B-0K-8L.

(c)—No, the major portion of the Village Grazing Reserve is not under encroachment. The burial ground is not included in Baghchung Nara-gaon Village Grazing Reserve.

(d)—Eviction proceedings have been started to evict the en-croachers.

Re: Survey Figure of Landless People

Shri MOHANANDA BORA (Bihpuria) asked :

*322. Will the Minister-in-charge, Revenue be pleased to state whether there is any survey figure of landless people of our State and if so, what are the figures subdivision-wise ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Minister of State, Revenue) replied :

322. There is no subdivision-wise figures of landless people. The district-wise survey figures of landless people will be available after the Census Report of 1961 is published.

Re: Compensatory Allowance

Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI (Titabar) asked :

*323. Will the Minister, Finance be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that the Government have granted 10 per cent additional compensatory allowance to the Government employees of Shillong ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that the increased cost of living is the basic reason for granting this increase ?

(c) Why Government have not yet granted the same to the district employees in spite of the fact that the staff committee have unanimously recommended for the same ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

323. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—Review of the existing special pay and compensatory allowance given to various categories of State Government employees is one of the terms of references of the Pay Committee recently appointed by the Government and if the Pay Committee recommends granting compensatory allowances to the district employees also, Government may consider.

Re : Dearness Allowances

Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI (Titabar) asked :

*324. Will the Minister, Finance be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that the Ministerial Officers' Association for districts has requested the Government for the grant of 50 per cent of the basic pay as dearness allowance?
- (b) If so, what steps have so far been taken by Government in regards to this representation?
- (c) What are the present rates of dearness allowances for the Ministerial Staff of United Khasi-Jaintia Hills and the plains districts?
- (d) What is the reason for this difference?
- (e) What is the difference of the present cost of living and cost of foodstuff between the hills and the plains districts of Assam?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

324. (a)—No.

(b)—Does not arise.

(c)—The rates are given below—

	In Khasi and Jaintia Hills	In the rest of Assam	
(1) Those drawing pay Rs.30 and below	50%	40%	} These officer are also entitled to an extra dearness allowance of Rs.6 per month.
(2) Those drawing pay above Rs.30 but not more than Rs.60.	25%	20%	
(3) Those drawing pay more than Rs.60 but not more than Rs.100.	20%	15%	
(4) Those drawing pay more than Rs.100 but not more than Rs.250.	20%	17½%	
(5) Those drawing pay over Rs.250 ..	17½%	17½%	

(d)—The difference is due to the higher cost of living at Shillong.

(e)—Materials are being collected and would be submitted in due course.

Re: Bridge of the Gadadhar River

Raja AJIT NARAYAN DEB (Kokrajhar) asked :

*325. Will the Minister-in-charge, Public Works Department (Roads and Buildings) be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether the bridge over the Gadadhar river on the National Highway 31 (near the mile post No.159/2) is being repaired by a contractor ?
- (b) Whether tender was called for the above work ?
- (c) If so, the number of tenders received ?
- (d) The name of the lowest tenderer ?
- (e) Whether the contract was given to the lowest tenderer ?
- (f) When the repair work was started ?
- (g) Whether there was any fixed date by which the work was to be completed ?
- (h) Whether any extension of time was given and if so, why ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI [Minister of State, Public Works Department (Roads and Buildings)] replied :

325. (a)—The repair work has been completed on 25th July 1962.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—Four.

(d)—Shri Rohini Kumar Chakravarty.

(e)—Yes.

(f)—15th November 1961.

(g)—Time for completion of the work was stipulated up to 13th February 1962.

(h)—Extension of time was granted as recommended by the Sub-divisional Officer as the work was badly hampered due to heavy traffic and long length of bridge having no possibility of making sub-way within economic limit.

Re: Construction of Flood-damaged Public Works Department Roads

Shri MAHADEB DAS [Bhabanipur (Reserved for Scheduled Castes)] asked :

*326. Will the Minister-in-charge, Public Works Department (Roads and Buildings) be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government received some proposals for the construction of flood-damaged Public Works Department Roads from Flood Relief Emergency Fund during the year 1962 from Barpeta Executive Engineer's Division ?
- (b) If so, what are the proposals ?
- (c) Whether Government has sanctioned the said proposals ?
- (d) If not, why not ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI [Minister of State, Public Works Department (Roads and Buildings)] replied :

326. (a)—There is no fund called "Flood Relief Emergency Fund" for construction of flood-damaged roads. As such the question of receiving proposals for construction of flood-damaged Public Works Department Roads, out of such fund does not arise.

(b) to (d)—Do not arise in view of above.

Re: Eroded Patta-holders of Barpeta Subdivision

Shri TAJUDDIN AHMED (Tarabari) asked :

*327. Will the Minister-in-charge, Revenue be pleased to state—

- (a) How many river eroded Patta-holders are there within Barpeta Subdivision ?
- (b) How many of them have been rehabilitated and when they were rehabilitated ?
- (c) When the rest will be rehabilitated ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Minister of State, Revenue) replied :

327. (a)—1,904 families.

(b)—1,355 families have been rehabilitated during the current year.

(c)—The remaining families are expected to be rehabilitated in next winter season, subject to their eligibility and availability of land.

Re : Encouragement of Rural Industrial Enterprises**Shri DEVENDRA NATH SARMA (Gauhati)** asked :***328.** Will the Minister, Industries be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government have any proposal to encourage rural industrial enterprises ?
- (b) If so, whether any scheme has been formulated for giving financial aid to them ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :**328.** (a)—Yes.

(b)—The following schemes have been included in the plan programme with a view to encourage rural industrialisation—

- (1) Establishment of training-cum-production centres in Block areas.
- (2) Apprenticeship and in plan training programme both inside and outside the State.
- (3) Establishment of raw material depots.
- (4) Manufacture of small tools and agricultural implements.
- (5) Supply of improved tools to rural artisans on subsidised basis.
- (6) Establishment of training centres in rural areas.
- (7) Loans to individuals and industrial Co-operatives to develop Small and Cottage Industries.
- (8) Introduction of improved methods and techniques of production in the rural areas through mobile vans with up-to-date tools and equipments.
- (9) Establishment of industrial Estates in places which will benefit rural population.

Re : Emporium in the Sibsagar District**Shri NARENDRA NATH SARMA (Bhokakhat)** asked :***329.** Will the Minister-in-charge of Cottage Industries be pleased to state—

- (a) How many emporiums are functioning in the Sibsagar District stating their income and expenditure in 1959, 1960 and 1961 ?
- (b) What measures Government propose to take to run the same in a business-like manner ?

- (c) Whether the Government propose to open some emporium in Sibsagar District ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that the public of Dergaon demanded for establishment of a handloom emporium at Dergaon and the authority did not do anything ?
- (e) If so, whether Government propose to establish an emporium there or transfer a non-economic emporium to Dergaon ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

329. (a)—At present four emporia are functioning in Sibsagar District of which the emporia at Sibsagar, Nazira and Golaghat are under the set up of the Cottage Industries Department. The emporium at Jorhat has since been taken over by the Assam Government Marketing Corporation Ltd. A statement showing the income and expenditure is placed on the Library Table.

(b)—The Assam Government Marketing Corporation Ltd., which has been formed in December, 1959 will gradually take over the emporia now run by the Cottage Industries Department as welfare schemes, in order to run the same in a proper business-like manner.

(c)—At present Government have no scheme to establish any emporium. According to recent Government policy all the emporia would be run by the Assam Government Marketing Corporation Ltd., and accordingly establishment of any emporium anywhere will be decided by them.

(d) & (e)—Yes, but no final decision has been taken. The Corporation will be asked to consider this matter.

Re: Treatment in Dhubri Dispensary

Raja AJIT NARAYAN DEB (Kokrajhar) asked :

*330. Will the Minister, Medical be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that some patients bitten by rabbit dog at Basugaon were being treated at Dhubri Dispensary as outdoor patients in July, 1962 ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that full treatment could not be given to some of the patients due to shortage of medicine ?
- (c) Whether the treatment is to be continued without break till the complete course is over ?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister, Medical) replied :

330. (a), (b) & (c)—The information is being collected.

Re : State Dispensaries without Doctors

Shri TAJUDDIN AHMED (Tarabari) asked :

*331. Will the Minister, Medical be pleased to state—

- (a) The name of State Dispensaries in the State now going on without doctors ?
- (b) The date since when each of the State Dispensaries is going without doctors ?
- (c) Steps taken by Government to provide doctors in such dispensaries ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that many dispensaries are running without medicine ?
- (e) If so, what are the reasons for shortage of medicines ?
- (f) Whether it is a fact that, Sarthebari and Nowgong Dispensaries are State Dispensaries in Barpeta Subdivision ?
- (g) How long these two dispensaries are going on without doctors ?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister, Medical) replied :

331. (a) & (b)—

Garó Hills

Name of State Dispensaries	The date since the Dispensary is going without doctor
1. Sangsak	... June, 1960
2. Rongsok	... July, 1961.
3. Rongrengiri	... 1958.
4. Dambukanga...	1958.
5. Kherapare	... 1961.

Nowgong District

6. Nizgerua	... October, 1960.
7. Kahuati	... March, 1962.

United Mikir and North Cachar Hills

8. Umpanai	.. 1957.
9. Dillai	... 1959.
10. Borgaon	... December, 1961.
11. Kolonga	... March, 1962.
12. Mahur	... March, 1962.

Goalpara District.

Name of State Dispensaries	The date since the Dispensary is going without doctor
13. Bodahpur Mo- bile dispensary.	1st April, 1961.
14. Deosire ...	8th November, 1959.

Mizo Hills.

15. Bualpui ...	November, 1954.	The construction of permanent building of these five dispensaries have recently been completed. Altogether 18 dispensaries (including these five dispensaries) were opened in April, 1961 with midwives, pharmacists and chowkidars pending construction of permanent building. Out of these 18 dispensaries the construction of 13 dispensaries is not yet completed.
16. Vahai ...	April, 1955.	
17. Kawrthah ..	November, 1960.	
18. Tuipang ...	December, 1961.	
19. Ratu ...	3rd July, 1961 ..	
20. South Vanlai- phai.	3rd June, 1961 ..	
21. Sailhvk ...	13th March, 1962	
22. Ngopa ...	13th March, 1962	
23. Cherhlumn ...	13th March, 1962	

Darrang District.

24. Namkhola ...	23rd December, 1961.
25. Baruajhar ...	1st April, 1960.
26. Pauripata ..	1st April, 1960.

Lakhimpur District.

27. Katetong ...	1960.
28. Inthem ...	7th January, 1962.
29. Boginodi ...	1960.
30. Bhoilymbong...	United Khasi and Jaintia Hills. June, 1962.
31. Nogtalong ...	May, 1962.
32. Nartiang ...	May, 1962.
33. Jirang ...	March, 1962.
34. Mawkhyrat ...	August, 1960.
35. Umden ...	19th November, 1960.
36. Borato ...	May, 1959.
37. Pdengshakap...	May, 1960.
38. Jarain Travel- ing dispensary.	August, 1961.

(c)—There is dearth of doctors in the State, vacancies are advertised regularly and appointments made whenever a candidate is available. Doctors who are found suitable for further service after retirement are also being allowed to continue in service on re-employment up to the age of 60 years.

(d)—It is not a fact. Recent reports obtained from the district authorities in this regard speak of a quite satisfactory stock position of Medical stores in the dispensaries.

(e)—Does not arise.

(f)—The Dispensary at Sarthebari is a State Dispensary and there is a Primary Health Unit at Nowgong.

(g)—Does not arise. There are two M. B. B. S. doctors one in each.

Re: Number of beds in the T.B. Ward in the Barpeta Civil Hospital

Shri MAHADEB DAS [Bhabanipur (Reserved for Scheduled Castes)] asked:

*332. Will the Minister-in-charge of Medical be pleased to state—

(a) The total number of beds in the T. B. Ward in the Barpeta Civil Hospital?

(b) Whether it is a fact that the number of patients both indoor and outdoor is fast increasing?

(c) Whether it is a fact that the number of beds is much less than what is required?

(d) Whether Government has any plan to increase the number of beds in the near future?

(e) If so, what is that and when it is going to be implemented?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister, Medical) replied:

332. (a)—6 (six) beds.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—Yes.

(d) & (e)—There is no such proposal at present.

Re: National Water Supply Scheme.

Shri MAHADEB DAS [Bhabanipur (Reserved for Scheduled Castes)] asked:

*333. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) The names of rural areas where the National Water Supply Scheme has been introduced throughout the State?

- (b) Whether there are any further proposals for introducing the said scheme in the current year ?
- (c) If so, what are the proposed localities ?
- (d) Whether Government received recommendation from Barpeta Mahakuma Parishad for introducing the said scheme in the Bhabanipur village under Barpeta Subdivision ?
- (e) If so, whether Government considered the said proposal ?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister, Medical) replied :

333. (a) —The National Water and Sanitation Scheme has been introduced in the following areas of the State so far—

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|--------------------------|---|---------------------------|
| 1. Hajo-Rangiya-Tamulpur | } | 1st and 2nd Plan Schemes. |
| 2. Dudhnoi-Resu Belepara | | |
| 3. Dotoma-Kokrajhar | | |
| 4. Udalguri | | |
| 5. Jalah | | |
| 6. Tangla | | |
| 7. Chabua | | |
| 8. Bokajan | | |
| 9. Thengal-itabar | | |
| 10. Lanka-Kaki | | |
| 11. Patharkandi | | |
| 12. Bhoi | | |
| 13. Cherrapunji | | |
| 14. Charring | | |
| 15. Tangla | | |
| 16. Diphu | | |

(b) & (c)—Yes, there are proposals for introducing the said scheme in the following areas in the current year—

1. Roha.
2. Bokakhat.
3. Sootia.
4. Mirza.

(d)—Government have not received such recommendation.

(e)—Does not arise.

Re: Narayan Kalita, Driver

Dr. HOMESWAR DEB CHOUDHURY (Patacharkuchi) asked :

*334. Will the Minister-in-charge of Medical be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Narayan Kalita, Driver of the Ambulance of Tezpur Civil Hospital died on 19th May 1959 whilst in service ?
- (b) What steps are being taken to pay his wages, house rent allowance and Provident Fund dues to his wife Sarala Kalita who was adjudged on successor by the Munsiff, Tezpur and her signatures were taken by the Civil Surgeon in May 1961, assuring payment within a month ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that the widow has interviewed the Director of Health Services every time he visited Tezpur and attended Civil Surgeon's office everyday all these 2 years ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that she has been finally told by the Darang Civil Surgeon's office to sue the Government for the money and that she has now declared hunger-strike from 18th June 1962 ?
- (e) Whether the Government has decided to pay a life pension to the distressed widow of this driver as in other cases ?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister, Medical) replied :

334. (a)—Late Narayan Chandra Kalita died on 20th May 1959 in his own house, he was on sick leave (not on 19th May 1959).

(b)—Action is being taken for payment of his pay and allowances for which Civil Surgeon is directed accordingly. As regard General Provident Fund money the Accountant General, Assam has been requested to settle the case urgently. There is no information that Civil Surgeon assured payment within a month.

(c)—Government is not aware of this.

(d)—No. No information of hunger-strike has been received.

(e)—The case is under examination whatever benefit admissible under the rules will be given.

Re : Construction of Kamalabari Dispensary

Shri MAL CHANDRA PEGU [Majuli (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] asked :

*335. Will the Minister-in-charge of Medical be pleased to state—

- (a) In which year the Dispensary Building situated by the side of Tunj River at Kamalabari in Majuli was constructed ?
- (b) Whether the Building has been occupied ?
- (c) If not, why not ?
- (d) What was the total expenditure incurred after construction of the said Dispensary Building ?
- (e) Whether the materials of the Dispensary Building can be made available to Kamalabari Tribal Rest House Committee for construction of a Tribal Rest House at Kamalabari ?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister, Medical) replied :

335. (a), (b), (c), (d) & (e)—Information is being collected.

Re : Vacant Posts of Compounders

Shri MAHADEB DAS [Bhabanipur (Reserved for Scheduled Castes)] asked :

*336. Will the Minister-in-charge of Medical be pleased to state—

- (a) How many posts of Compounders are lying vacant during the years 1960-61 ?
- (b) How many of them are filled up from the Scheduled Castes ?
- (c) Whether there was any application for the Scheduled Castes for the said posts ?
- (d) How many Posts of Rural Health Assistants were filled up during the year 1960-61 ?
- (e) How many of them belong to the Scheduled Castes ?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister, Medical) replied :

336. (a) to (e)—Information is being collected.

Re : Political Pension for Mrs. Bhubaneswari Pathak

Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH (Amguri) asked :

*337. Will the Minister-in-charge of Political Sufferers be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that Mrs. Bhubaneswari Pathak of Amolapatty, Barpeta town, has prayed for political pension or gratuity ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that her husband late Indreswar Pathak was veteran political sufferer ?
- (c) Whether Government is aware that Mahatma Gandhi, while in Barpeta stayed in his house and late Indreswar Pathak donated gold ornament of considerable value and a considerable sum to Gandhiji to strengthen his hand to carry on the national movement ?
- (d) Whether Government is aware that this widow Mrs. Bhubaneswari Pathak and her children are passing their days in starvation ?
- (e) Why Government have not yet granted any relief to this family ?
- (f) Whether Government will do so at the earliest ?

Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister, Political Sufferers) replied :

337. (a)—No.

(b)—It is reported that late Pathak was not a political sufferer.

(c)—Mahatma Gandhi visited the place of late Indreswar Pathak and the latter donated some amount of money. But the amount of donation is not ascertainable.

(d)—The family is reported to be in financial hardship.

(e) & (f)—In view of reply to question (b) above, the question of giving Political Sufferers' relief does not arise. However, the Subdivisional Officer, Barpeta has since paid some relief to the family in view of their financial hardship.

Re : Soil Conservation Department

Shri HARENDRA NATH TALUKDAR (Rampur) asked :

*338. Will the Minister, Soil Conservation Department be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government propose to institute a special enquiry into the administration of the Soil Conservation Department generally to ascertain in particular what results, if any, have been obtained in respect of each scheme ?
- (b) Whether such schemes are capable of adoption by the local people out of their own resources ?

Shri CHATRASING TERON (Minister, Tribal Areas Department) replied :

338. (a)—The Soil Conservation programmes are more or less in an experimental stage. The cash crops introduced by the Department are still in the process of growth, the success or otherwise of which cannot be assessed at this stage. Government therefore does not consider it necessary or opportune to institute a special enquiry into the working of the Department.

(b)—Yes. Judging from the interest the local people take in the plantation of the cashcrops like Cashewnut, Coffee, Black Pepper, etc., and also in the interest and enthusiasm shown by them in the afforestation and terracing works of the Department, Government have every reason to expect that the local people will shortly be in a position to take up the programme with their own resources.

Re: Golaghat Town Bank

Shri NARENDRA NATH SARMA (Bokakhat) asked :

*339. Will the Minister-in-charge of Co-operation be pleased to state—

- (a) What is the present position of the Golaghat Town Bank and who are the President and Secretaries of the Bank ?
- (b) Whether the Bank is functioning properly and doing its work as a Bank ?
- (c) If not, why it is not liquidated ?
- (d) Whether there is any rule or regulation under the Co-operative Act for liquidation of the Bank when it does not function for some years ?
- (e) Whether Government lately received any letter for disposing the land and other properties of this Bank for the utilisation of another such Co-operative venture ?
- (f) Whether the Minister proposes to scrutinise the whole affairs and find out the mystery of the Bank ?

Shri LALIT KUMAR DOLEY (Deputy Minister, Co-operation) replied :

339. (a)—The Bank is under liquidation and the Liquidator has taken over charge of this Bank. Shri M. N. Baruah, was the Chairman of this Bank until it was sent into liquidation. The Bank did not engage a Secretary since 1941.

(b)—No.

(c)—It is already sent into liquidation.

(d)—Yes, under section 65 of the Assam Co-operative Societies Act I of 1950.

(e)—No.

(f)—As the Bank has gone into liquidation, the liquidator will automatically take action to wind up its business according to the provisions of law.

Re: Functioning of Land Mortgage Bank

Shri NARENDRA NATH SARMA (Bokakhat) asked :

*340 Will the Minister of Co-operation be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether the Land Mortgage Bank is properly functioning ?
- (b) How much money was disbursed by this Bank in 1959 and 1960 throughout the whole State ?
- (c) The amount disbursed by State Mortgage Bank in 1950 to 1960 ?
- (d) Who recommends the individual cases ?
- (e) How many times the meeting of the Board of Directors has been convened in 1959, 1960 and 1961 ?
- (f) Whether Government propose to enquire the affair of the Land Mortgage Bank, Assam and utilised this Bank for the purpose for which it is set up ?

Shri LALIT KUMAR DOLEY (Deputy Minister, Co-operation) replied :

340. (a)—Yes.

(b)—The Bank disbursed Rs.4,87,017 in 1959, Rs.6,100 in 1960.

(c)—Rs. 14 lakhs.

(d)—The Primary Land Mortgage Bank (12 in number) recommends the individual cases. In places where there is no Primary Land Mortgage Bank, an unit of the Central Bank performs this duty. To advise the unit, a sub-committee has been formed by the Central Bank. This sub-committee recommends loan application. However, all the cases finally considered and approved by the Central Land Mortgage Bank

(e)—Information is being collected.

(f)—Government do not propose to enquire into the affairs of this Bank as it is functioning properly. However, due to limited financial resources at its disposal, it has not been able to meet the demand of the people for long-term loans fully.

Re : Employment in different Industrial Establishment

Shri DEVENDRA NATH SARMA (Gauhati) asked :

*341. Will the Minister of Industries be pleased to state how many local educated unemployed youths have been appointed as officers, clerks and apprentice in different Industrial establishments of Assam who have been helped by the Government either by financial assistance or by other facilities with names of those concerns ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

341. A statement containing the information is placed on the Library Table.

Re: Medical College in Cachar

Shri TARAPADA BHATTACHARJEE (Katigora) asked :

*342. Will the Minister-in-charge, Medical be pleased to state—

(a) The progress so far made in regard to the starting of a Medical College in Cachar ?

(b) Whether the site has been finally selected and if so, the name of the site ?

(c) When the classes are going to be held at the new site ?

(d) How many beds for T.B. patients are available throughout the State ?

(e) How many T.B. patients are in the awaiting lists for accommodation in the Indoor (throughout the State) ?

(f) How many T.B. patients were being treated in outdoor T.B. Clinic from the year 1956-57 to 1961-62 ?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister-in-charge of Medical) replied :

342. (a)—The land for Silchar Medical College is on the process of acquisition and at the same time there is an offer of free gift of land.

(b)—Not finally selected.

(c)—After the buildings are completed other arrangements made.

(d)—637.

(e) & (f)—No such figure available which are being collected,

Re: Free Medical Monthly Examination of School Children**Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH (Amguri)** asked :***343.** Will the Medical Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government are aware that due to poverty, ignorance and want of facilities, the School going children of Lower Primary stage, are suffering from various diseases namely, worms, mal-nutrition ailments, etc. ?
- (b) Whether Government propose to provide free medical monthly examination in the Schools during School-hours and give free medical aid wherever necessary ?
- (c) Whether Government will make arrangement for free distribution of multi-vitamin and calcium Pills to the Lower Primary pupils at the earliest in order to build up a healthy generation ?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister-in-charge of Medical) replied :

343. (a)—May be in some cases.

(b)—There is no such proposal at present.

(c)—There is already such arrangement in the area of operation under School Health Services Scheme. There is now in Jorhat and is expected to be extended to other places.

Re: Formation of Committees in line with Dispensary Committees**Shri MOHANANDA BORA (Bihpuria)** asked :***344.** Will the Minister-in-charge of Medical be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government have examined the feasibility of forming some sort of local Committees in line of previous Dispensary Committees under the Local Board for maintenance of buildings, compounds, etc., as assured in reply to Supplementary to the question No.28 of the September Session in 1961 ?
- (b) Whether the procedure of collecting one or two annas in time of Local Board from prescriptions to out-door patients is discontinued ?
- (c) Whether Government proposed to form dispensary Committees in every State Dispensary with the Doctor as its Secretary for raising a small fund for ordinary maintenance of the Dispensary ?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister-in-charge, Medical) replied :

344. (a)—Yes. The matter was examined and was found not feasible.

(b)—It is still in force.

(c)—Government has no such proposal.

Re: Earth work in Sibsagar Subdivision in 1962-63

Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH (Amguri) asked :

*345. Will the Minister, Public Works Department (R.&B.) Wing be pleased to state—

(a) The names of the roads taken for earth working in 1962-63 in the Sibsagar Subdivision ?

(b) The amount earmarked for the purpose ?

(c) The roads on which earth works were done in the year 1961-62 and the amount thus spent ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI [Minister of State in-charge of P.W.D (R.&B.)] replied :

345.(a)—A list of the roads is placed on the Library Table.

(b)—Rupees 1,96,000 only.

(c)—A list is placed on the Library Table. Amount spent was Rs.19,374 only.

Re: Bus Station

Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH asked :

*346. Will the Minister, Transport be pleased to state—

(a) The criteria on which the selection of a State Transport Bus Station in a certain place is based ?

(b) Whether Amguri, Phulpanichiga of Sibsagar Subdivision, have fulfilled the criteria ?

(c) If so, whether Government propose to open Bus Stations in these places at the earliest ?

Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Transport Minister) replied :

346.(a) State Transport Bus Stations are normally provided in places where the average daily earning is at least Rs.150 and the places are not within a distance of 5 miles from any other Station or Sub-station.

(b)—No.

(c)—Does not arise.

Re: Number of Vehicles in the Transport Department

Shri MAHADEB DAS [Bhabanipur (Reserved for Scheduled Castes)] asked :

*347. Will the Minister-in-charge of Transport be pleased to state—

(a) How many vehicles are there in the State Transport Department giving the figures as follows :—

(i) Number of Buses in running condition ;

(ii) total number of buses in shut down condition ;

(iii) total number of buses ?

(b) Whether Government are aware that the number of vehicles are inadequate according to the needs of the passengers ?

(c) If so, what steps Government are taking to meet the demands ?

Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister, Transport) replied :

347. (a)—The position of the State Transport Fleet as on 30th June 1962 is given below—

(i)—264

(ii)—135

(iii)—399.

(b)—The total strength of the fleet is considered adequate to meet the needs of passengers. As, however, some vehicles remain off the road for long periods due either to need for extensive repairs or overhauling or to need for replacements the number of vehicles available for running might prove inadequate to meet fully needs of passengers on special occasion when there may be unusual rush.

(c)—Steps have been taken to expedite repair and overhauling of serviceable vehicles and also to replace unserviceable vehicles according to the normal schedule of replacement. Repairing facilities have been improved and more and more technical staff entertained to handle vehicles needing repairs with speed and efficiency.

Re: Number of L. P. teachers in North Lakhimpur Subdivision

Shri MOHANANDA BORA (Bihpuria) asked:

*348. Will the Minister-in-charge of Education be pleased to state—

- (a) The total number of Lower Primary teachers in North Lakhimpur Subdivision under School Board and Government?
- (b) How many of them are Teachers Training Examination passed and how many are under-qualified?
- (c) Whether there is any definite rule for appointing such teachers?
- (d) Whether Government will please enquire into the cause of such anomalous conditions?

Shrimati KOMOL KUMARI BARUA (Deputy Minister, Education) replied:

348. (a)—Number of Lower Primary teachers under—

(i) School Board	...	...	...	1,204
(ii) Government	...	...	...	16

(b)—The number of teachers who have passed—

Training Examination	..	...	538
Under-qualified	...	...	Nil.

If by 'Under-qualified' all those teachers who have had no training are meant, then the number of under-qualified would come to 685. But untrained teachers are generally not termed as under-qualified.

(c)—There is a definite procedure, for appointment. Preference is given to trained candidates. Next comes the question of Teacher's Test passed candidates with certain percentage reserved for Matriculates. These percentage varies due to a number of circumstances. In taking up Venture Schools, Teachers not passing teacher's tests are retained provisionally for some time in order that they may get a chance to appear in future tests. In no case however a candidate not possessing the minimum educational qualifications, is appointed.

(d)—Does not arise.

Re: Barpeta multipurpose Co-operative Society

Shri TAJUDDIN AHMED (Tarabari) asked:

*349. Will the Minister of Co-operation be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that the Barpeta Multipurpose Co-operative Society at Sonkuchi V. G. R. has failed?
- (b) The amount given by Government to the society as grant and loan?
- (c) Who is now taking care for the building and properties and records of the society now?

Shri LALIT KUMAR DOLEY (Deputy Minister, Co-operation) replied :

349. (a)—The Barpeta Multipurpose Co-operative Society, Ltd., is not functioning at present. The society has applied for liquidation.

(b)—No amount has been given by Government either as grant or loan.

(c)—At present the Chairman is in-charge of the Society.

Re : Recruitment of Midwives

Shri DULAL CHANDRA BARUA (Jorhat) asked :

350. Will the Minister-in-charge of Medical be pleased to state—

(a) How many Midwives were recruited last year for training in the State ?

(b) What is the amount of scholarship sanctioned to these midwives ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that midwives recruited for training in the Jorhat Civil Hospital last year are facing hardship for non-receipt of scholarship for the last nine months ?

(d) If so, what is the reason for such unusual delay in payment of stipends to these midwives under training and what action has been taken by Government to meet the hardship of these trainees ?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister-in-charge, Medical) replied :

350. (a)—91 Auxiliary Nurses Midwives candidates were recruited for training in different hospitals of this State.

(b)—Rate of stipends for each :—

			Rs.
Messing allowance	...	..	30 per mensem.
Pocket allowance	..	...	20 "
Dhobi allowance	...	..	2 "
Uniform allowance	...	...	75 for the whole course of two years.

Rate in Nowgong under Community Development programme :—

			Rs.
Pocket money	...	...	15 per mensem.
Messing allowance	...	...	30 "
Dhobi allowance	...	...	Nil.
Uniform allowance	...	...	30 for the whole course of two years.

(c)—Yes in some cases.

(d)—The matter was under a long correspondence with the Accountant General, Assam for some clarification. The authority has since been issued by him.

Re: Recruitment of local educated youngmen in Private Industries

Shri DEVENDRA NATH SARMA (Gauhati) asked :

*351. Will the Minister of Industries be pleased to state whether Government proposes to make it a condition precedent for recruitment of local educated boys in issuing any license or permission to start any industry to any private party ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

351. There is no such proposal under consideration of Government at present.

Re: Reservation of Posts for Scheduled Tribes

Shri DULAL CHANDRA BARUA (Jorhat) asked :

*352. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that certain number of posts are reserved for Scheduled Tribes ?
- (b) If so, how many posts are reserved for them and what is the percentage so filled in since 1957 ?
- (c) What is the percentage of appointment cadre-wise and tribe-wise since 1957 ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

352. (a)—Yes.

(b) & (c)—Consistent with the maintenance of efficiency, there is a general reservation of 10 per cent of the vacancies for Scheduled Tribes (Plains) and 12 per cent of the vacancies for Scheduled Tribes (Hills) in making appointments to services and posts under Government. Information regarding percentage filled up since 1957, is being collected.

Re: Pending Copy Petitions in Barpeta Criminal Court

Shri TAJUDDIN AHMED (Tarabari) asked :

*353. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) How many copy petitions are pending in Barpeta Criminal Court within Barpeta Subdivision and since when they are pending ?
- (b) Why they are pending ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied:

353. (a)—Number of copy petitions pending in Barpeta Criminal Court are 134. These are pending since March 1962.

(b)—They are pending because the parties have not supplied correct details and have not furnished required folios and stamps. Moreover, many records are lying with the Appellate Courts.

Re: State Dental Council Meeting

Shri DULAL CHANDRA BARUA (Jorhat) asked:

*354. Will the Minister-in-charge of Medical be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that the Director of Health Services who is the President of State Dental Council also did not convene any meeting of the Council during the last four years?

(b) Whether it is a fact that meetings are to be convened at least once in two years?

(c) Whether Government is aware that the World Health Organisation has offered two hundred fifty Mobile Dental Dispensaries to different States of India?

(d) Whether any such dispensaries have been secured or the State of Assam?

(e) If so, how many?

(f) If not, why not?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister in-charge, Medical) replied:

354. (a)—Yes it was not called for mainly due to paucity of fund of the Council to meet the expense on account of travelling, allowance of the members. There was also no demand from the members in writing.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—Government have no information about offering of Mobile Dental Dispensaries by the World Health Organisation.

(d) to (f)—Do not arise.

Re: Average Daily Attendance of Patients in State Dispensaries**Raja AJIT NARAYAN DEB (Kokrajhar) asked :*****355. Will the Minister in-charge, Medical be pleased to state—**

- (a) The average daily attendance of patients for treatment in the State Dispensaries of Naikgaon, Boshgaon, Patgaon, Bengtol and Garubhasa in the district of Goalpara during 1961-62 ?
- (b) The recurring expenses incurred by the Government for these dispensaries (to be shown separately) in 1961-62 ?
- (c) Whether there was a proposal to establish a Primary Health Unit at Chitila Bazar in Kokrajhar Police Station and a post was erected by the then Minister-in-charge to mark the beginning of the construction of the building in pursuance of the proposal ?
- (d) Whether the proposal has since been dropped by the Government ?
- (e) If so, why ?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister in-charge, Medical) replied :

355. (a)—1. Naikgaon Dispensary	...	...	3
2. Boshgaon "	...	...	10
3. Patgaon "	...	...	5
4. Bengtol "	...	...	11
5. Garubhasa "	...	...	13

(b)—1. Naikgaon Dispensary	...	...	...	Rs. 4,545
2. Boshgaon "	...	...	..	3,138
3. Patgaon "	...	...	...	5,230
4. Bengtol "	...	...	..	4,683
5. Garubhasa "	...	...	...	2,796

(c)—No, there is no such information about erection of post.

(d) & (e)—Do not arise.

**Re: Rehabilitation of Erosion affected families of
Dhansiri river**

Shri MAHADEB DAS [Bhabanipur (Reserved for Scheduled Castes)] asked:

*356. Will the Minister, Revenue be pleased to refer to the replies to unstarred question No.775 (i) and (j) asked by the Questioner in the Assembly on 7th April, 1961 on the subject of rehabilitation of erosion affected families of Dhansiri river and state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that the joint enquiry into the matter has not yet been made?
- (b) If so, the reasons therefor together with the information as to the person or persons responsible for this inordinate delay?
- (c) When the enquiry into the matter can be expected to be made and the result thereof?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Revenue State Minister) replied:

356. (a) & (b)—No information has been received as to whether the joint enquiry was held between the Railway authority and the Sub-Divisional Officer (E and D). So, it is difficult to say as to who is responsible for the delay as the matter concerns both Railway authority and E. & D. Department.

(c)—It can not be said definitely when the enquiry can be expected. The result of the enquiry can be had only after the joint enquiry is completed. The Railway and the E. & D. have been reminded to expedite the enquiry.

**Re: Popularising the Co-operative Movement through
Motion Pictures**

Shri MAHADEB DAS asked:

*357. Will the Minister, Co-operation be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government propose to produce motion pictures in Assamese popularising the Co-operative movement?
- (b) If so, what steps Government have taken, or propose to take in that direction?

Shri LALIT KUMAR DOLEY (Deputy Minister, Co-operation) replied:

357. (a)—Production of a film on Co-operative is in contemplation of the Government. It is proposed to be taken up during 1963-64 by the Publicity Department.

(b)—In view of reply to (a) above, this question does not arise.

Re: Defunct Co-operative Societies

Shri MAHADEB DAS asked:

*358. Will the Minister, Co-operation be pleased to state—

- (a) How many defunct Co-operative Societies are there in Assam?
- (b) How many such societies are there in Barpeta Subdivision?
- (c) Whether they will be liquidated?
- (d) If so, when?

Shri LALIT KUMAR DOLEY (Deputy Minister, Co-operation) replied :

358. (a)—There are 1,015 defunct Societies in the State as on 30th June 1961.

(b)—There are 122 defunct Societies as on 30th June, 1961.

(c)—Those Societies which have no reasonable chance of being revitalised are being gradually liquidated after going through formalities as required under the Act. 62 out of these 122 defunct societies are being liquidated.

(d)—As early as possible, 62 are being liquidated.

Re: Revenue of Gauhati Barabazar

Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH (Amguri) asked :

*359. Will the Minister, Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) The revenue of Gauhati Barabazar for the last 5 years (including this year too ?

(b) With whom and how it is settled for the last three years ?

(c) The date and time fixed and announced by the Municipality for sale of the bazar on open bid this year ?

(d) Whether it is a fact that the Chairman arrived at the bidding place and opened auction 2 hours later than the scheduled time ?

(e) Whether it is a fact that the Chairman himself abruptly closed the bid and settled it with a person giving lower bid depriving even the highest bidder ?

(f) If so, why so ?

(g) Whether Government propose to cancel this settlement and re-sale the bazar on auction ?

Shri CHATRASING TERON (Minister, Local Self-Government) replied :

						Rs.
359. (a)—1957-58	...	...	...	...	...	42,000
1958-59	...	...	...	...	...	13,600
1959-60	...	...	...	...	...	15,000
1960-61	...	...	...	...	...	13,000
1961-62	...	...	...	...	...	12,500
1962-63	...	...	...	...	...	22,100

(b)—1959-60 Settled in auction with Shri Garga Ram Das.

1960-61 do.

1961-62 do.

(c)—19-3-62 at 2-30 p. m.

16-4-62 at 2-30 „

30-5-62 at 3-00 „

(d)—No.

(e)—No.

(f)—Does not arise.

(g)—No.

Re: Co-operative Society in Tezpur Subdivision

Shri MOHANANDA BORA (Bihpuria) asked :

*360. Will the Minister-in-charge of Co-operation be pleased to state—

(a) Whether a rice mill was lately purchased by a Co-operative Society in Tezpur Subdivision ?

(b) What was its total cost and how it is functioning ?

(c) Whether Government allowed some loan for the purchase and if so, what was the amount ?

(d) Whether it is running smoothly after being taken over by the Co-operative ?

(e) Whether it is showing any indication of profit or what is the financial condition of this Co-operative venture at present ?

Shri LALIT KUMAR DOLEY (Deputy Minister, Co-operation) replied :

360. (a)—Yes. The Darrang Marketing and Processing Co-operative Society Ltd., purchased a Rice and Oil Mill at Borgong.

(b)—The total cost of the Mill is Rs.2,60,000. The financial position shows that it is functioning well. A copy indicating the financial position as on 25th June 1962 is placed on the Library Table.

(c)—No.

(d)—The Mill at Borgong could not run to its capacity for want of paddy. The Government of Assam in the Supply Department was requested to give it adequate paddy.

(e)—It is running at profit but the profit is not adequate to clear up its block loan taken from the Assam Co-operative Apex Bank Ltd., and retain Government Share Capital. The Mill could not utilize its full capacity for want of paddy. If it works to its full capacity it will be able to pay the loans as well as the Government Share Capital.

Re: Farming Co-operative Societies of North Lakhimpur**Shri MOHANANDA BORA (Bihpuria) asked :**

*361. Will the Minister-in-charge of Co-operative Department be pleased to state—

- (a) What are the names of the farming co-operative societies of North Lakhimpur as stated in reply to unstarred question No.178 asked by Shri Ganashyam Das in the Budget Session, 1960 with the names of their Presidents and Secretaries ?
- (b) Whether they are functioning properly ?
- (c) What is the profit of each society in the course of the last two years and how many families are included in each of the societies ?
- (d) Whether all the families included in these societies are landless people ?
- (e) Whether all these are registered and if so, when each of them was registered ?

Shri LALIT KUMAR DOLEY (Deputy Minister, Co-operation) replied :

361.(a)—1. Dhalpur Adarsha Co-operative Farming Societie Ltd.

President—Shri Tileswar Bora.

Secretary—Shri Ananta Kumar Dutta.

2. Lakhi Krishi Silpa Co-operative Farming Ltd.

President—Shri Nandeswar Bora.

Secretary—Shri Tankeswar Gogoi.

3. Bokanadi Ideal Co-operative Farming Society Ltd.

President—Shri Malbhog Bora.

Secretary—Shri Boloram Saikia.

4. Laluk Lakhimpur Co-operative Farming Society Ltd;

President—Shri Sarbeswar Barua.

Secretary—Shri Gunakanta Saikia.

5. Harhi Amguri Krishipam Co-operative Farming Society Ltd.

President—Shri Dhaniram Chutia.

Secretary—Shri Dibakar Bora.

(b)—Three of the above named societies are functioning with difficulties. Two societies are not functioning at present.

(c)—

Name of Society (1)	Profit		No. of families (4)
	1959-60	1960-61	
	Rs. nP.	Rs. nP.	
1. Dhalpur Adarsha Co-operative Farming Society Ltd.	13.00	...	21
2. Lakhi Krishi Silpa Co-operative Farming Society Ltd.	...	28.19	25
3. Bokanadi Ideal Co-operative Farming Society Ltd.	...	...	205
4. Laluk Lakhimpur Co-operative Farming Society Ltd.	328.59	646.17	18
5. Harhi Amguri Krishipam Co-operative Farming Society Ltd.	...	...	16

(d)—No. The details are given below :—

Name of the Societies	No. of land-less families
1. Dhalpur Adarsha Co-operative Farming Society Ltd.	... 16
2. Lakhi Krishi Silpa Co-operative Farming Society Ltd.	... 25
3. Bokanadi Ideal Co-operative Farming Society Ltd.	... 205
4. Laluk Lakhimpur Co-operative Farming Society Ltd.	... 3
5. Harhi-Amguri Krishipam Co-operative Farming Society Ltd.	... 15

(e)—Yes. The details are given below :—

Name of the Societies	Date of registration
1. Dhalpur Adarsha Co-operative Farming Society Ltd.	19th December 1949.
2. Lakhi Krishi Silpa Co-operative Farming Society Ltd.	24th March 1950.
3. Bokanadi Ideal Co-operative Farming Society Ltd.	10th July 1952.
4. Laluk Lakhimpur Co-operative Farming Society Ltd.	16th February 1953.
5. Harhi Amguri Krishipam Co-operative Farming Society Ltd.	16th August 1956.

Re: Encroachment of Municipal Areas by Private Residents**Shri DULAL CHANDRA BARUA (Jorhat)** asked :***362.** Will the Minister, Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that in many towns namely, Jorhat Shillong, etc., various private residents businessmen have encroached Municipal areas and the areas thus encroached were brought under their possession ?
- (b) If so, what step Government propose to take to stop further encroachment by such people and to vacate the illegal encroachment ?
- (c) If not, why not ?

Shri CHATRASING TERON (Minister, Local Self-Government) replied :**362. (a)—Yes.**

(b)—Steps have been taken by the Municipalities to evict encroachers on municipal lands. In the case of Jorhat, the Deputy Commissioner appears to have stayed eviction on the strength of Government instructions to that effect in December 1961 which have since been vacated by Government in March 1962. The Deputy Commissioner, Jorhat should now be able to proceed with the eviction of the encroachers of Municipal land at Jorhat.

(c)—Does not arise.

Re: Misappropriation in Silchar District Jail**Shri LAKSHMI PRASAD GOSWAMI (Laharighat)** asked :***363.** Will the Minister, Jails be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that a misappropriation amounting to several thousands of rupees was detected by special auditor in Silchar District Jail in connection with warders uniform in the year 1959-60 ?
- (b) The actual amount involved in this misappropriation ?
- (c) The officer on whom the responsibility was fixed by the special auditor ?
- (d) Action, if any, taken against the officer found responsible for the misappropriation ?

Shri MAHENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Minister, Jails) replied :**363. (a), (b), (c) & (d) —**Information has been called for.

Re: Silchar District Jail**Shri LAKSHMI PRASAD GOSWAMI (Laharighat)** asked:

*364. Will the Minister-in-charge, Jails be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that while taking over charge by one incoming Jailor from another who was on transfer in Silchar District Jail woolen blankets numbering about 600 was found short in the stock and the fact was reported to the Government in the year 1960?
- (b) If so, whether any enquiry was instituted?
- (c) If the answer to above is in affirmative, who was the officer found responsible for this shortage in stock?
- (d) Action taken against the officer found guilty?

Shri MAHENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Minister, Jails) replied:

*364. (a) (b) (c) & (d)—Information has been called for.

Re: Golaghat Co-operative Marketing Society**Shri NARENDRA NATH SARMA (Bokakhat)** asked:

*365. Will the Minister, Co-operation be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Golaghat Co-operative Marketing Society received oil cake from the Agricultural Department in 1961?
- (b) If so, what are the quantities?
- (c) Whether the oil cakes are distributed to the cultivators?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that some quantity of oil cake was sold to the local business man at a lesser price?
- (e) What is the process of distribution of manure by the Agriculture Department through Co-operation?
- (f) Whether Government propose to enquire into this matter and devise ways and means for proper distribution to cultivators in co-ordination with Co-operation and Agriculture Department?

Shri LALIT KUMAR DOLEY (Deputy Minister, Co-operation) replied:

365. (a)—The society did not receive oil cake from the Agriculture Department in 1961.

(b)—Does not arise.

(c)—Does not arise.

(d)—Yes.

(e) & (f)—Information is being collected.

Re: Extension and re-employment**Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH (Amguri)** asked:

*366. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) Who are the superannuated Government servants who have been given either extension of service or re-employment

either in Government offices or semi-autonomous concerns getting State help and the offices where they are serving ?

- (b) Why superannuated or retired Government employees have been re-employed against posts which could have been filled up by suitable serving personnel or outsiders ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that the Chief Minister has assured the representatives of Shillong Ministerial Officers' Association that no superannuated or retired Government employees except the technical persons would be re-employed against the post under the Government or semi-Government authorities when negotiating for settlement of the demands was carried on after the observance of 'No Work Day' ?
- (d) If so, why many of the superannuated or retired Government employees have been re-employed to the offices of the State Electricity Board, Khadi Board, the Secondary Education Board and the Government and semi-Government offices ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

366. (a)—Information is being collected.

(b)—No post, which could have been filled up by suitable serving personnel or outsider has been filled up by a superannuated or a retired Government employee.

(c)—No.

(d)—Does not arise.

**Re: Requisition of land for the extension of Kaziranga
Game Sanctuary**

Shri NARENDRA NATH SARMA (Bokakhat) asked :

*367. Will the Minister of Forests be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether the Forest Department requisitioned some periodic patta land of Halodhibarigaon of Kaziranga Mouza for the purpose of extending the Game Sanctuary several years back ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that the authority did not pay any compensation to those owners of the land ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that the Forest Department objected to bring the amount which those owners entitled to get from Oil India Limited for using those land in refinery ?
- (d) Whether the authority will relinquish the land or give compensation to them ?
- (e) Whether the Forest Department submitted a proposal for acquiring some neighbouring land of Game Sanctuary from the cultivators ?
- (f) Whether Government will give some alternative land to the people before acquiring ?
- (g) Whether the authority with the Subdivisional Officer, Golaghat and the questioner discuss the matter with the owners and settle the matter without creating misunderstanding of the public ?

- (h) Whether it is a fact that the neighbouring people of Kaziranga always face many difficulties from the Forest Department and people complained to higher authority many times ?
- (i) If so, the Minister propose to visit the spot with high officials of the department and discuss with the public and create a good relationship with the people of Kaziranga ?

Shri LALIT KUMAR DOLEY (Deputy Minister, Forests) replied :

367. (a)—(i)—Information is called for.

Re: Death caused by Small pox in the Goalpara District

Raja AJIT NARAYAN DEB asked :

*368. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Health and Medical be pleased to state—

- (a) The total number of deaths due to (i) small-pox and (ii) chicken pox during the year 1961-62 in the District of Goalpara ?
- (b) The number of persons vaccinated against small-pox before the disease had broken out in epidemic form and after the reports of deaths received by the Government ?
- (c) The number of deaths of vaccinated persons, if any ?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister, Medical) replied :

368. (a)—(i) Death due to Small-pox—6 (six).
 (ii) Death due to Chicken-pox—No report of death has been received.
- (b)—(i) Persons vaccinated before the disease had ... 3,36,322 broken out.
 (ii) Persons vaccinated after 2,40,255
- (c) - Nil.

Re: Staff Committee of Ministerial Officers

Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI (Titabar) asked :

*369. Will the Finance Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that a Staff Committee for Ministerial Officers of District and Subordinate Officers have been formed by Government after mutual discussion with their Association ?
- (b) If so, when this Staff Committee has been formed ?
- (c) Who are the members of the Committee ?
- (d) How many meetings of the Staff Committee have been held and what recommendations have been made by those meetings ?
- (e) Whether Government have implemented all or any of those recommendations ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

369. (a)—Yes.

(b)—This Staff Committee was formed on 4th February 1960. But the committee started functioning with effect from 23rd March 1961, when the first meeting was held.

(c)—Members from Government side—

1. Commissioner of Plains Division	...	...	Chairman.
2. Commissioner of Hills Division	...	...	Member.
3. Chief Engineer	...	...	"
4. Secretary, Finance	..	..	"
5. Deputy Commissioner, United K. & J. Hills	...	...	"
6. Sub-Divisional Officer, Mangaldoi	...	...	"
7. Superintendent of Police, Kamrup	...	...	"
8. Civil Surgeon, Sibsagar	..	...	"

Members from Staff side—

1. Shri Ananda Hazarika, Head Assistant, Deputy Commissioner's Office, Tezpur—Secretary.
2. Shri B. K. Bora, Upper Division Assistant, Nowgong.
3. Shri L. C. Hazarika, Upper Division Assistant, Sibsagar.
4. Shri H. Bhagawati, Upper Division Assistant, Tezpur.
5. Shri S. Das, Gauhati.
6. Shri B. Karim, Jorhat, Head Assistant, Executive Engineer's Office.
7. Shri M. Ahmed, Jorhat, R. S., Deputy Commissioner's Office.
8. Shri J. N. Sarma, Dibrugarh (Medical College).

(d) and (e)—So far 5 (five) meetings of this Staff Committee were held. The recommendations together with Government's action thereof are shown as per statement enclosed.

(Statement laid on the table separately).

Re : Health Centres in and around Gauhati

Shri DEVENDRA NATH SARMA (Gashati) asked :

*370. Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state—

- (a) How many Health Centres under the Health Service Scheme have been established in and around Gauhati ?
- (b) The number of such Health Centres so far established in the Beltola, Panbari, Dimaria and Sonapur Mauzas of Gauhati Subdivision ?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister-in-charge, Medical) replied :

370. (a)—None in Gauhati proper. Two—one at Azara and one at Dimoria (Sonapur). Health Centre is for Rural Area and not to serve Urban population.

(b)—One at Dimoria (Sonapur).

Re : Office Assistant in Barpeta Civil Court

Shri TAJUDDIN AHMED (Tarabari) asked :

*371. Will the Finance Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that present copyist Kumud Chandra Bayan was an Office Assistant in Barpeta Civil Court ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that he was reverted ?
- (c) If so, why ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that this Kumud Chandra Bayan filed an appeal before the Government of Assam against his reversion ?
- (e) Since when the matter is pending ?

Shri FAKIRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Finance) replied:

371.(a), (b), (c), (d) & (e)—Materials are being collected.

Re: Unauthorised Paknationals living in Assam

Shri MADHUSUDHAN DAS (Barpeta) asked:

*372. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) The number of Pak nationals illegally entering and residing in the State of Assam, since after declaration of Independence up-to-date?
- (b) Their number year by year and also district-wise?
- (c) What are the methods that Government have adopted in spotting out those Pakistanis illegal entrants?
- (d) How many cases were registered against such persons and how many of them are repatriated?
- (e) Whether those harboured them or helped them were also punished?
- (f) What steps the Government proposes to adopt to stop infiltration of Pakistani nationals in future?
- (g) Whether reports of C.I.D. officials engaged in spotting out the Pakistanis are usually relied upon by the Government?
- (h) What precautions are taken in settling land with the immigrant Muslims, so that the Pak nationals are excluded from settlement?
- (i) Whether it is a fact that some of the Pak nationals have become voters?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied:

372.(a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h) & (i)—Information is being collected.

Re: Cases of Arson and Loot in the Hailakandi Subdivision

Shri TARAPADA BHATTACHARJEE (Katigora) asked:

*373. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) How many cases of arson and loot were reported to each of the Police Stations of Hailakandi Subdivision in the district of Cachar in the month of June, 1961?
- (b) The number of houses gutted and number of persons affected due to the above arson and loot?
- (c) The total amount of relief and loan paid to the sufferers?
- (d) Whether all the victims received loan?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied:

373. (a)—Four hundred and fifty cases of arson, loot or rioting were reported in the Hailakandi Police Station and none in the Katlicherra Police Station.

(b)—About 597 houses were gutted and 432 families were affected due to arson and loot.

(c)—Rupees 58,270.30 nP. as relief and Rs.1,49,775.00 nP. as loan were paid to the sufferers.

(d)—Yes.

Re: Number of persons killed during disturbance at Hailakandi

Shri TARAPADA BHATTACHARJEE (Katigora) asked :

*374. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) How many people were killed during the disturbances in the month of June 1961 at Hailakandi ?
- (b) How many people were arrested in connection with arson, loot or riot at Hailakandi Subdivision during the above period ?
- (c) How many cases have been instituted in the court ?
- (d) The number of cases still pending ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

374.(a)—Number of persons killed as a result of police firing is 4 and the number of persons stabbed to death or otherwise killed is 6.

(b)—Eight hundred and thirty-one persons.

(c) & (d)—Information is being collected.

Re: Financial hardship of Lower Middle Class

Shri DEVENDRA NATH SARMA (Gauhati) asked :

*375. Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government is aware of the conditions of acute financial stringency among the lower and lower middle-class people of the State due to rising of price structure of essential commodities ?
- (b) If so, what steps have been taken or are proposed to be taken by the Government to ease the situation ?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Finance) replied :

*375. (a)—Government are aware of the general rise in the price index in the State, in common with the rest of the country for some years past. It is an obvious surmise that those with fixed income in the lower and lower-middle classes have been adversely hit by the rise in prices.

(b)—The problem of rising prices is an All-India one which cannot be tackled by any State alone. For successful tackling of this problem, increase in production both agricultural and industrial is called for. These efforts are imbedded in the Central and State Plans.

Re: Multipurpose Co-operative Society at Barpeta

Shri MAHADEB DAS [Bhabanipur (Reserved for Scheduled Castes)] asked :

*376. Will the Minister, Khadi and Village Industries be pleased to state—

- (a) When the Khadi and Village Multipurpose Co-operative Society at Barpeta town was formed ?
- (b) Who are the President and Secretary of the said Society and how it is functioning now ?
- (c) What is the amount of loan the Society has received from Government and how the money has been utilised by the Society ?

(d) What is the stock position of the Society ?

(e) Whether Government are aware that the Society is not functioning now ?

(f) What actions are being taken by the Government to realise the said loan ?

Shri MAHENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Minister-in-charge of Khadi and Village Industries) replied :

*376. (a)—There is no Khadi and Village Multipurpose Co-operative Society at Barpeta town. If the hon. Member means "The Barpeta Cottage Industries Multipurpose Co-operative Society Ltd." then, it was organised and registered on 20th September 1957.

(b)—Shri Bhuban Chandra Das and Shri R. K. Mudoi were the Chairman and the Secretary of the above Society respectively. The above Society has not been functioning since 30th June 1960.

(c)—Government did not sanction any loan or grant to the said Society. The said Society was, however, sanctioned the following amounts by the Assam Khadi and Village Industries Board during 1958-59—

Date	Grants		Loans		Purpose
	Rs.	n.P.	Rs.	n.P.	
27th February 1958	...	5,250·00	10,250·00		For Soap Making.
27th February 1958	...	...	5,000·00		For Handpounding Industry.
7th April 1959	...	300·00	2,300·00		For Village Oil Industry.

The above amounts were utilised partly for the purpose of construction of sheds required by the society and partly for purchase of raw materials and implements.

(d), (e) & (f)—Materials are being collected and the information will be intimated to the hon. Member later on.

Re: Loan applications for Small Scale Industries

Shri MAHADEB DAS [Bhabanipur (Reserved for Scheduled Castes)] asked :

*377. (a) The number of loan applications received for Small Scale Industries, viz., Weaving, Tailoring, etc., during the years 1960-61 and 1961-62 in Barpeta Subdivision ?

(b) The number of such applicants who were granted the said loan during the said years in the Barpeta Subdivision ?

Shri MAHENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Minister-in-charge of Khadi and Village Industries) replied :

*377. (a)&(b)—Materials are being collected from the Subordinate Officers.

Re: Temporary posts continuing for more than five years

Shri MAHADEB DAS [Bhabanipur (Reserved for Scheduled Castes)] asked :

*378. Will the Finance Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that the temporary posts which have been continuing for five years or more are to be made permanent in accordance with the recommendation of the last Pay Committee, 1956 ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that the said 'recommendation' of the Pay Committee has not yet been given effect to in respect of certain Ministerial posts in the Assam Secretariat even after the lapse of more than five years ?
- (c) How many such temporary posts are there in the Assam Secretariat category-wise and what are the reasons for not making them permanent ?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Finance) replied :

*378. (a)—Yes.

(b)—No. The recommendation of the Pay Committee, 1956 in respect of permanent retention of posts on the basis of five years have been accepted by Government and accordingly such posts are retained permanently.

(c)—At present, there are 30 posts of Upper Division Assistants and 14 posts of Lower Division Assistants in the Assam Secretariat which have completed 5 years and steps are being taken for their permanent retention.

Re: Raids by the Naga Hostiles

Shri MADHUSUDHAN DAS (Barpeta) asked :

*379. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) The number of raids led by the Naga hostiles into the border areas of the State of Assam, since the beginning of the hostility up till now, with names of the places, amount of loss in each raid and people killed or kidnapped by the hostiles ?
- (b) How many days before the escape of the Naga hostiles into Pakistan in May, 1962 the Government got information of their intended move ?
- (c) What steps the Civil and Border Security Force authorities took for prevention of their escape into Pakistan ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that due to the inaction and indifference of the authorities (both Civil and Border Security Force) the escape was possible ?
- (e) Whether Government propose to institute an enquiry to fix the responsibility of the escape ?
- (f) Whether the family of Fizo Angami is living at Shillong at present ?
- (g) If so, whether they are under detention or moving freely ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA replied :

*379. (a)—A statement is laid on the Library Table.

(b)—The information about the possibility of a gang of hostiles proceeding from Nagaland to Pakistan, *via*, North Cachar Hills was received by the Security Forces sometime during the 2nd week of April, 1962.

(c)—The Civil and Border Security Forces were on constant alert from the time the information was received. The B. O. Ps. were strengthened and intensive patrolling was carried out by the Security Forces.

(d)—No.

(e)—No.

(f)—Yes.

(g)—They are not under detention.

Re: Erosion of River Jinjiram

Shri ZAHIRUL ISLAM (Mankachar) asked :

*380. Will the Minister, Revenue, be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government is aware that the river Jinjiram has been eroding away the village Sonarpara and thus threatening the very existence of Mankachar town ?

(b) Whether there was ever any enquiry into this matter by the Department concerned ?

(c) If so, what steps have so far followed from such enquiry ?

(d) Whether Government proposes to take effective measures against such erosion ?

(e) Whether Government propose to take immediate action for rehabilitation of the many people of Sonarpara village whose houses have been washed away by the Jinjiram ?

Shri. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY [Minister, P.W.D. (F. C. & I. Wing)] replied :

*380. (a)—The river Jinjiram is eroding its banks since last few years near the village Sonarpara, Doyachor and Bhimpura in Mankachar Police Station, Mankachar Town is not affected by this erosion.

(b)—No.

(c)—Does not arise.

(d)—There is no such proposal at present.

(e)—The matter is still under consideration of Government.

Re: State-wide Survey of Beggars**Shri DEVENDRA NATH SARMA (Gauhati)** asked :***381. Will the Minister, Social Welfare be pleased to state—**

- (a) Whether it is proposed to have a State-wide survey of the beggars in Assam ?
- (b) Whether any survey has been taken of the beggars in any town of Assam ?
- (c) If so, the result thereof ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that there are leper beggars who roam about in the streets of Gauhati ?
- (e) If so, what steps the Government propose to take to eliminate them ?

Shri CHATRASING TERON (Minister, Social Welfare) replied:

***381. (a)—**There is no proposal for undertaking a State-wide survey of beggars in Assam, but there is a proposal to have such a survey in the urban areas of the Gauhati town.

(b)—No.

(c)—Does not arise in view of reply to (b) above.

(d)—Though no definite information is available, some beggars suspected to be suffering from leprosy are seen roaming in the streets of Gauhati.

(e)—Government have decided to remove leper beggars to one or other leper asylums in the State, while others committed under the proposed Anti-begging Act will be admitted into the Beggars Home.

Re: Sanction for the construction of Jorhat Stadium**Shri DULAL CHANDRA BARUA (Jorhat)** asked :***382. Will the Minister-in-charge of Education be pleased to state—**

- (a) What is the amount sanctioned for the construction of Jorhat Stadium ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that an amount is sanctioned annually for development of the said Stadium ?
- (c) If so, what is the total amount sanctioned since the inception of the said Stadium till now ?

- (e) Whether Government has any proposal for giving more grants for all round development of the said Stadium immediately?
- (f) Who is concerned with the management of the said Stadium ?

Shri DEV KANT BOROOAH (Minister, Education) replied :

382. (a)—Rupees 92,000.

(b)—No.

(c)—Does not arise in view of replies to questions (b) and (a) above.

(e)—No. But Government may consider if funds permit and if the State Sports Council so recommends.

(f)—The National Sports Club of Assam.

Re: Kidnapping of villagers by the Naga Hostiles

Shri FARAPADA BHATTACHARJEE (Katigora) asked :

*383. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that two inhabitants of Bombaijao village were kidnapped by the Hostile Nagas when the said village was raided by them on the 29th April 1962 ?

(b) If so, the names of these two villagers ?

(c) When the matter was reported to the Katigora Police Station ?

(d) Whether these two persons have been traced out ?

(e) If not, what action Government has taken to find out their whereabouts ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

383. (a)—Yes.

(b)—(1) Khuma Lushai.

(2) Khuanga Hmar.

(c)—The matter was reported to the military authorities stationed at Kalaincherra in the morning of 30th April 1962. The O/C., Katigora P.S. received information from the military on the same day.

(d)—No.

(e)—The matter has been taken up with the Government of East Pakistan for release of the kidnapped persons.

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

(To which answers were laid on the table)

Re: Quantity of C. I. Sheets

Shri SARAT CHANDRA GOSWAMI (Kamalpur) asked :

726. Will the Minister, Supply be pleased to state—

- (a) The quantity of C. I. Sheets obtained for distribution to the public in the State for the years 1960-61 and 1961-62 ?
- (b) What quantity of C. I. Sheets were distributed in the Subdivisions and what quantity was allotted to each of them in the years 1960-61 and 1961-62 ?
- (c) What quantity was distributed by the Director of Consumer Goods directly in the years 1960-61 and 1961-62 in each of the Subdivisions ?

Shri RUP NATH BRAHMA (Minister, Supply) replied :

726. (a)—5,193.9 metric tonnes in 1960-61 and 6,050.922 tonnes in 1961-62.

(b)—A statement is placed on the Library Table.

(c)—A statement is placed on the Library Table.

Shri SARAT CHANDRA GOSWAMI asked :

727. Will the Minister, Supply be pleased to state—

- (a) The quantity of C. I. Sheets obtained in the State in the years 1960-61 and 1961-62 under (i) Agricultural Quota, (ii) Industrial Quota and (iii) Education Quota ?
- (b) What was the amount allotted to each of the Subdivisions for these years ?
- (c) How and to whom the Agricultural quota is distributed ?

Shri RUP NATH BRAHMA (Minister, Supply) replied :

727. (a) & (b)—Information has been called for.

(c)—20 per cent of the Agricultural quota is kept reserved for Agricultural and Co-operative Schemes. 70 per cent of the quota is placed at the disposal of the Local Officers for issue to the Agriculturists of Rural Areas and 10 per cent is kept reserved by the Director of Consumer Goods, Assam for issue to the institutions of public importance in Rural Areas inhabited by Agriculturists.

Re: Licenses for Procurement of Cement, Iron, etc.

Shri DEVENDRA NATH SARMA (Gauhati) asked:

728. Will the Minister, Supply be pleased to state the total number of Private concerns owned by the people of Assam or individuals who have been given licenses or permission to procure cement, iron and steel materials, salt and coal in Gauhati and other places of Assam district-wise ?

Shri RUP NATH BRAHMA (Minister, Supply) replied :

728.—A statement showing the total number of parties given licences or permission to deal in cement, iron and steel materials and coal procured by the State Government in Gauhati and other places of Assam district-wise is placed on the Library Table. Regarding salt, no permit or licenses from the State Government is necessary under the Zonal Scheme of Salt sponsored by the Government of India and any dealer can move salt to Assam by riverine route from Calcutta without any restrictions under the scheme. In order, however, to supplement the short supplies under this normal scheme an *ad hoc* quota of 60 M. G. wagons a month from West coast sources by rail and some available wagons from Calcutta by Indo-Pakistan rail route has been placed at the disposal of the State Government by the Government of India and these quotas are distributed to the deserving dealers. The number of parties given permission to import salt under this special arrangement, therefore, varies from month to month.

Re: Non-availability of Forms under Assam Schedules VII and VIII at Silchar.

Shri TARAPADA BHATTACHARJEE (Katigora) asked:

729. Will the Minister in charge of Printing and Stationery be pleased to enquire and state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that Forms under Assam Schedules VII and VIII are not available at present at Silchar ?
- (b) Whether Government is aware that due to most inadequate supply of the forms, the public of Silchar have been experiencing much difficulties ?
- (c) The reason for non-supply of forms ?
- (d) What steps Government propose to take to ensure supply of the forms ?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister, Printing and Stationery) replied:

729. (a)—No report of shortage of these forms at Silchar has been received but there was some shortage at Karimganj.

(b)—Government have no such information.

(c)—Non-supply is sometimes due to non-receipt of indent from the demanding office and sometimes due to shortage of stock.

(d) —Steps have been taken to print the forms in the Government Press and to maintain sufficient stock in the newly-started Forms Store at Shillong.

Re: Weaving Assistants

Shri LAKSHMI PRASAD GOSWAMI (Laharighat) asked:

730. Will the Minister for Sericulture and Weaving be pleased to state—

(a) The number of Weaving Assistants (District Head Quarter staff) in the State, their names and qualifications ?

(b) Whether there was any proposal for up-grading their posts in the year 1959 ?

(c) Whether the proposal has been implemented ?

(d) If not, why not ?

(e) Whether the Government is going to give effect to the above proposal for up-garding these posts and if so, when ?

Shri MAHENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Minister-in-charge of Sericulture and Weaving) replied:

730. (a)—The total number of Weaving Assistants in the State of Assam is 15. Names and qualifications of the Weaving Assistants are as below:—

Name	Head Quarter	Qualification
1. Shri Lalit Ch. Sharma	Ramdia	Read upto Class IX. Passed Advance Course from the Government Weaving Institute, Gauhati.
2. Shri Safiquer Rahman	Bakaliaghat	Under-Matric. Passed Advance Course from the Government Weaving Institute, Gauhati.
3. Shri Ganganath Sharma.	Nalbari	Read upto Class VIII. Passsd Advance Course from Government Weaving Institute, Gauhati.

Name	Head Quarter	Qualification
4. Shri Narendra Nath Bordoloi.	Tihu	Under-Matric. Passed Advance Course from the Government Weaving Institute, Gauhati.
5. Shri Dindi Ram Bora	Kaliabar	Read upto Class X. Passed Advance Course from the Government Weaving Institute, Gauhati.
6. Shrimati Bimala Dutta.	Khowang	Under-Matric. Passed Advance Course from the Government Weaving Institute, Gauhati.
7. Shri Surendra Ch. Nath.	Lakhipur	Under-Matric. Passed Advance Course from the Government Weaving Institute, Gauhati.
8. Shri Mali Charan Singha.	Thelamora	Under-Matric. Passed Advance Course from the Government Weaving Institute, Gauhati.
9. Shri Tikendra Nath Khound.	Nowgong (West).	Under-Matric. Passed Advance Course from the Government Weaving Institute, Gauhati and higher training in Spinning from Nagpur.
10. Shri Golap Ch. Saha- ria.	Jowai	Under-Matric. Passed Advance Course from the Government Weaving Institute, Gauhati.
11. Shri Surjya Kanta Medhi.	Dhubri	Under-Matric. Passed Advance Course from the Government Weaving Institute, Gauhati.
12. Shri Nizamuddin Ahmed.	Nongpoh	Read upto Class VIII. Passed Advance Course from the Government Weaving Institute, Gauhati.
13. Shri Kiran Ch. Goswami.	Aijal	Read upto Class VI. Passed Advance Course from the Government Weaving Institute, Gauhati.
14. Shri Uma Ram Bordoloi.	Dergaon	Under-Matric. Passed Advance Course from the Government Weaving Institute, Gauhati.
15. Shri Rajani Kanta Sarma	Dilma	Under-Matric. Passed one year Course and Re-orientation Course from the Government Weaving Institute, and Assam Textile Institute, Gauhati respectively.

(b)—No, there was no such proposal in the year 1959.

(c) and (d)—Do not arise.

(e)—The question of giving effect to the proposal of upgrading the posts does not arise in view of reply to question (b) above.

Re: Tezpur Mental Hospital

Dr. HOMESWAR DEB CHOUDHURY (Patacharkuchi) asked:

731. Will the Minister of Medical be pleased to state—

(a) When the Tezpur Mental Hospital was established?

(b) What is the total number of beds in the Hospital?

(c) What was the number of patients annually in the years 1959, 1960 and 1961?

(d) What is the number of staff of this Hospital in different grades (section)?

(e) Whether the staff is sufficient to cope with the work of dealing with the patients?

(f) Whether it is a fact one keeper Dhaneswar Deka by name undertook hunger strike in 1961?

(g) If so, why?

(h) Whether his demands have been fulfilled?

(i) Whether there is any workers Union by the name of "Tezpur Mental Workers' Association" and "Mental Hospital Karmi Sangha"?

(j) If so, when these were formed and what is the number of members in each of these two Unions?

(k) Whether Government recognise and correspond with both the Associations and the Sangha?

(l) What are the demands of these Unions?

(m) Whether their demands have been met with?

(n) Whether Workers got any special or risk allowances in recognition of the risky works with the lunatics?

(o) Whether Government is aware that the workers of this Hospital are to pay extra premium of Rs.2 per Rs.1,000 when insuring with the Life Insurance Corporation of India?

- (p) Whether there are quarters for the married and unmarried workers ?
- (q) If not, whether Government give them house allowances ?
- (r) If so, what is the rate ?
- (s) Whether Government provide uniform or any allowances for uniform ?
- (t) Whether it is a fact that due to short of staff and mismanagement, the workers are often agitating against the administration of the hospital ?
- (u) Whether there are rules to guide the administration of the Mental Hospital ?
- (v) Whether Government is aware that there are rules of administration of Mental Hospitals in other States and World Health Organisation ?
- (w) Whether there is any Hospital Committee or Governing body to look into management of the Hospital ?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister-in-charge of Medical)
replied :

731. (a)—The Hospital was started in 1,878.

(b)—791 (Male 654 and female 140).

(c)—1959—Total number of patients—1,138.
1960 " " " " —1,098.
1961 " " " " —1,267.

(d)—
Grade I Officer—1 (one).
Grade II Officer—Nil.
Grade III Medical Officer—3 (three).
Pharmacist—3 (three).
Nurse—2 (two).
and other Grade Officer—16 (sixteen).
Grade IV Officer—136 (one hundred thirty-six).
Casual employees and contingency.
Menials—31 (thirty-one).

(e)—Proposal for additional Staff has been submitted by the Superintendent, Mental Hospital and this matter is now under consideration of Government.

(f)—Yes.

(g)—The male keeper was suspended from service on the charge of giving Ganza to a criminal mental patient; and departmental proceedings was under preparation when suddenly the male keeper demanded that his case should be disposed of within three or four days failing which he would undertake hunger strike and actually resorted to hunger strike.

(h)—His demands could not be fulfilled. The male keeper has filed a case in the High Court and is pending.

(i)—There is one workers' union by the name of Tezpur Mental Hospital Workers' Association and one by the name of Tezpur Mental Hospital Keepers and Head Keepers Association.

(j)—The first one was formed sometimes in 1957 and the Second one in 1961. The total number of each of these union is not known.

(k)—None of these associations has been recognised as yet by Government. On principle Government replies to anybody to any enquiry made and as such some correspondence naturally goes on with both the Association.

(l)—The newly formed Associations named Tezpur Mental Hospital Keepers and Head Keepers Association has not put forward any demand as yet except asking for recognition of their Association.

The Tezpur Mental Hospital Workers Association has put forward several demands.

List of Grievances of the Tezpur Mental Hospital workers

1. Night Duty :—The Keepers are required to attend night duty for 4 hours besides day duty for 4 hours, each keeper being singly in-charge of 4 to 5 blocks without any hand light. This is detailed for long period upto 3 months.

This should be revised. The keepers should not be required to work at day for 4 hours duty at night. If night duty period is reduced to 2 hours only then day duty for 4 hours should be given. Night duty should change at intervals of a week. Each Keeper should be given 2 blocks for night duty with one powerful torch light. During night one cell should be detailed for each keeper. T. B. ward and gate should have 2 keepers at a time.

2. Day Duty Generally :—

Each Keeper has to take out up to 10 patients for manual gardening work with Spades, daos, etc. It has been risky.

Patients may be sent out in tens but in-charge of keepers on each batch.

3. Female Keepers have been outraged by lunatics when they pass through main gate. Presently they should be escorted through the men's portion but an independent gate for female keepers should be provided.

4. No violent lunatic should be allowed freedom.

5. Sweepers should get leave with pay and sick leave.

6. The 3 Cooks, 3 Barbers, 2 Milkmen and 4 Washermen should be brought to same footing in all respects as the Keepers including suitable uniforms.

7. Seasonal uniforms have not been allowed to all subordinate workers though petitions have been made several times. They should be allowed necessary summer and winter clothing in time regularly.

8. Cases of personal injury and death at the hands of lunatics during duty have not been compensated in the past. A risk allowance should be allowed to all categories of workers and all deaths and injuries sustained should be compensated in accordance with the Work Men's Compensation Act.

9. The pay of Keepers was Rs.4 more than other 4th Grade Government employees. Not it has become Rs.4 less than theirs. It should be increased proportionately.

10. Some Keepers were implicated in each case of office theft 8 months ago. After discharge by Court though they have been re-instated after suspension their arrear wages for the period of suspension have not been paid till now.

11. Existence of private services by the patients have led to serious anomalies. Not only that incidence of outrage on women members of staff families and assault on others by the lunatics in sudden fits have occurred but Keepers also have been punished. Supply of water to staff quarters and hewing fuel wood are two non-duty tasks which patients should not be made to do. These should be stopped.

12. The Keepers and other subordinate workers are governed by 4 doctors and 3 compounders in the Mental Hospital. The subordinate workers live and work more than 1 mile away from the Civil Hospital. The distance takes away lot of time and drops efficiency. The medical facilities available in the Mental Hospital can very well be extended to the workers and their families in case of common diseases. This should be sanctioned.

13. For want of sufficient family quarters some workers have to live at some distance from the Hospital in rented quarters. Those of the workers who have not been furnished with free family quarters should be paid house rent allowance at the rate Rs.15 per month.

The vacancies occurring in family quarters were in the past filled up by allotment to senior workers, but now newer people get them. This should be stopped and priority always be given to senior workers.

14. The wages of subordinate workmen are paid not earlier than 7th of each month. This is not desirable in Government Institutions. The workers should be paid within first 2 days of the month.

15. The workers generally do not get leave for the asking or within reasonable time even when near relatives lie on death bed. In emergencies leave should not be refused at short notice. Sweepers should be allowed with-pay-leave, which is denied to them now.

16. There should be security of services in subordinate workers. They should not be asked to resign and quit their jobs. Every discharge must be through the process of official proceedings.

17. The keepers should be allowed to keep in hand a rule to be used in self-defence only in cases of emergency on pains of punishment for misuse.

18. The workers have other grievances which they will place at a large stage.

Passed unanimously by the General Meeting of Mental Hospital Workers on 27th October 1957.

(m)—That is under examination.

(n)—No.

(o)—Under what circumstances the employees are paying extra premium is not known to Government, but Government is looking into the matter.

(p)—There are some quarters for married workers and quarters are provided to all unmarried keepers.

(q)—Government is considering to construct quarters for all married keepers working in the Mental Hospital pending which question of granting house rent allowance is under consideration.

(r)—Not decided yet.

(s)—Uniform is supplied to all keepers and Head Keepers.

(t)—It is not known what is exactly meant by mismanagement. Government is considering the proposal submitted by Superintendent, Mental Hospital, Tezpur regarding additional staff.

(u)—Yes. There is a manual laying down the broad principle of administration of the Mental Hospital.

(v)—Yes, Government is aware that there are manuals for administration of Mental Hospital in other States but is not aware that any such rules for administration of Mental Hospital of World Health Organisation exists.

(w)—There is a Board of Visitors of the Mental Hospital which meets periodically to look after the welfare of patients and to suggest ways to remove the defects if found any at the time of visits.

Re: Cancer cases

Dr. HOMESWAR DEB CHOUDHURY (Patacharkuchi) asked :

732. Will the Medical Minister be pleased to state—

(a) The total number of cancer cases diagnosed in different hospitals and dispensaries for the last 5 years ?

- (b) Whether it is a fact that Kamrup District is the most cancer affected district in the State ?
- (c) How many cases of cancer came from each district of the State for the last 5 years ?
- (d) How many total beds are there for cancer cases in different hospitals ?
- (e) Whether Government propose to establish a cancer hospital near about Gauhati ?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister, in-charge of Medical) replied :

732. (a)—Cancer cases diagnosed at the Assam Medical College, Dibrugarh in last 5 years 1,282 cases in different hospital and dispensaries in each district as per figures in (c) below.

(b)—From the district-wise figures as stated in (c) below, Kamrup District appears to be most cancer affected district in the State of Assam.

(c)—Figures of the last 5 years district-wise :—

1. Kamrup	...	...	..	..	799
2. Lakhimpur	...	...	...	...	708
3. Sibsagar	...	...	...	...	695
4. Nowgong	...	...	...	...	339
5. Darrang	..	...	...	...	115
6. Goalpara	...	...	...	..	137
7. Cachar	...	...	...	...	124
8. United Khasi and Jaintia Hills				...	39
9. United Mikir and North Cachar Hills				...	19
10. Garo Hills	...	...	...	...	15
11. Mizo Hills	..	...	...	..	12

(d)—Bed in the cancer ward at Assam Medical College Hospital 25. Cancer cases are admitted in all hospitals in the first instance in all the general wards along with other patients. There is no bed earmarked for cancer cases in other Hospitals in the State, when clinically diagnosed the cases are referred to Assam Medical College for further treatment where facilities for treatment exists.

(e)—The matter is under examination to establish a Cancer Hospital at Gauhati.

Re: Death of Persons in Pox at Dibrugarh**Shrimati LILY SEN GUPTA (Lahowal)** asked :

733. Will the Medical Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) How many persons of Dibrugarh died of Pox in 1962 ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that the number of mortality is much more than the figure published in Press ?
- (c) If so, what steps were taken by the Municipality ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that the sanitation and drainage condition of Dibrugarh town is very deplorable ?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that the two existing Assistant Sanitary Inspectors, viz., Sadananda Dey and Lakhan Das are both unqualified ?
- (f) Whether it is a fact that the said Sadananda Dey was a Sanitary Inspector of Dibrugarh Municipality till 4 months ago ?
- (g) If so, whether Government propose to take necessary step to replace him ?
- (h) Since when the department started giving vaccinations in Dibrugarh town ?
- (i) Whether the Municipality gave any publicity in the matter of taking vaccination by the people ?
- (j) If so, in which date ?
- (k) What was the numbers of people vaccinated in the town ?
- (l) Whether Government propose to enquire and get a correct figure of mortality in Dibrugarh town by Pox in 1962 giving the number of male, female and children ?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister-in-charge of Medical) replied :

733. (a) — From Smallpox 20, from the Chickenpox 50.
(Total of both 70).

(b) — No.

(c) — Vaccination and revaccination was done.

(d) — Yes, in places.

(e) — Yes. (1) Sanitary Inspector Sadananda Dey is well experienced and a capable hand in sanitation work though he has not owned

institutional qualification. (2) Lakhon Das is assistant to Sanitary Inspector. He is also non-qualified. He simply assists the Sanitary Inspector.

(f)—He is in service for the last 12 years and still in service.

(g)—As he is experienced the question of replacement does not arise.

(h)—Mass vaccination has been started from October, 1961.

(i)—Yes, by beating of drum and issuing leaflets and also by Government Publicity Van.

(j)—From 6th March, 1962.

(k)—67,213 persons including re-vaccinated cases and cases of moving persons including those vaccinated in Railway Stations and Buses stands.

(l)—Not necessary as figure has already been assessed as shown hereunder from Municipal Record supplied by Municipal Urban Health Officer—

Male	...	...	...	...	22
Female	...		...	...	10
Children—					
Male	...	...	...	...	16
Female	...	...	...	...	22
					70

Re: Allotment of Land in Shillong

Shri PRABIN KUMAR CHOUDHURY (Boko) asked:

734. Will the Minister of Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that many applications from deserving applicants are still pending with the Government for allotment of land in Shillong and Gauhati?

(b) Whether it is a fact that all these applications have been duly recommended by the respective Settlement Officers for settlement?

(c) Whether it is a fact that many of these vacant plots have been encroached?

(d) If so, what is the number of such plots with area encroached?

(e) Whether it is a fact that settlement of these lands has been delayed for want of Government approval?

(f) If so, when Government propose to issue orders for making the necessary settlement?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Minister of State, Revenue) replied:

734. (a)—Yes.

(b)—In respect of Gauhati land some cases have been recommended by the Deputy Commissioner and some by the Settlement Officer, Kamrup. The Deputy Commissioner, Khasi and Jaintia Hills, has recommended some cases for settlement of land at Shillong.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—This is under enquiry.

(e) & (f) - The entire question of planned settlement of waste land in Gauhati is under examination. In areas where it is ultimately decided to allow settlement for residential purposes, the cases of deserving persons will be considered. In Shillong, settlement will ordinarily not be made with individuals unless the plot in question is considered totally unsuitable for Government or public purposes.

Re: Encroachment Cases in Gauhati Subdivision

Shri HALADHAR UZIR [Tamalpur (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] asked:

735. Will the Minister in-charge, Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) Total number of encroachment cases pending in Gauhati Subdivision and the period for which the cases are pending?

(b) How many of them relate to P.G.Rs and V. G. Rs and road side reservation with area encroached in each category?

(c) The names of encroachers encroaching road side reservation?

(d) Whether it is a fact that there are some persons encroaching road side land have been allowed to continue the encroachment?

(e) Whether Government proposes to evict these persons?

(f) If so, when?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Minister of State, Revenue) replied :

735. (a)—One thousand, six hundred and fifty-three cases upto 31st May, 1962.

52-53	...	...	...	...	...	32
1953-54	..	...	...	...	...	48
1954-55	...	...	...	...	...	53
1955-56	...	...	..	...	...	104
1956-57	...	...	...	...	..	175
1957-58	...	...	...	...	...	63
1958-59	...	...	...	...	...	170
1959-60	...	...	...	...	...	334
1960-61	..	...	...	...	...	245
1961-62	...	...	...	...	...	429
upto May, 1962.						

(b)—P. G. R.—22 cases—10,625 bighas (approx.)

V.G.R.—44 cases—2,658 bighas (approx.)

Road side reservation—273 cases—71B-4K-7L.

(c)—A list showing the names of such encroachers is placed on the Library Table.

(d)—No.

(e) & (f)—Do not arise.

Re: Selling of crops of evicted persons

Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH (Amguri) asked :

736. Will the Minister, Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) The amount collected by selling crops of the evicted persons in the State during 1961/62 ?

(b) The amount thus collected in Sibsagar Subdivision ?

(c) The amount thus collected from Mahmora P. G. R. of Salaguri Mouza of Sibsagar Subdivision ?

- (d) The dates on which the eviction operation was launched in Mahmora P. G. R. and the date on which the auction sale proceeds were deposited by the Eviction Officer ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Minister of State, Revenue) replied :

736. (a)—Rs.43,586.

(b)—Rs.2,034.

(c)—There was no eviction in Mahmora P. G. R. during the year 1961-62 and as such, no amount was collected from the said P. G. R. on account of selling of crops of evicted persons during that year.

(d)—Does not arise.

Re: Public Namghar of Athgao-Kabilamukh Suba

Shri SARAT CHANDRA GOSWAMI (Kamalpur) asked :

737. Will the Minister in-charge of P. W. D. (E.&D), be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that a public Namghar of Athgao-Kabilamukh Suba buried in Kamalpur Circle has been under the embankment of Puthimari river by the Contractor working in that section ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that the said Namghar is still under earth of the embankment ?
- (c) What amount of compensation has been assessed for the Namghar ?
- (d) Whether C. I. sheets have been granted under D. C. G. for the Namghar for which the public applied ?

Shri MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister in-charge, Flood Control, etc.) replied :

737. (a) & (b)—No. The 'Namghar' has been removed by the public to another place when work was started. Only two posts are reported to be standing at the toe of the embankment.

(c)—Not known.

(d)—No.

Re: Compensation for acquired Patta lands

Shri SARAT CHANDRA GOSWAMI (Kamalpur) asked:

738. Will the Minister-in-charge of P. W. D. (E.&D.), be pleased to state whether the compensation for the acquired lands of the patta-dars for construction of the embankment of Puthimari river from Puthimari Railway bridge down-stream have now been paid?

Shri MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister in-charge, Flood Control, etc.) replied:

738.—An amount of Rs.46,000.16 nP. has already been sanctioned and the Land Acquisition Officer is making payment.

Re: Compensation for destruction of houses and crops

Shri SARAT CHANDRA GOSWAMI (Kamalpur) asked:

739. Will the Minister in-charge of P. W. D. (E.&D.), be pleased to state—

(a) Whether the compensation for destruction of houses and standing crops in constructing the retirement of embankment of Puthimari river at 2/5 to 2/6 F. P. S. in Hahara in 1959, has been paid to Tithiram Kalita by now?

(b) If so, what amount has been paid?

(c) If not, what are the reasons for such delay?

Shri MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister in-charge, Flood Control, etc.) replied:

739. (a)—No.

(b) & (c)—The estimate of compensation received from the Revenue Department has been sanctioned for Rs.80.25 nP. and sent to Executive Engineer, Kamrup, E.&D. Division for payment.

Re: Public Demand for Embankment from the Sarthebari-Tihu Public Works Department Road

Shri MAHADEB DAS [Bhabanipur (Reserved for Scheduled Castes)] asked:

740. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department (E.&D.), be pleased to state—

(a) Whether the Government is aware that the public demanded embankment from the Sarthebari Tihu Public Works Department Road to Barpeta-Tarabari Public Works Department Road meeting at the point of Nakhanda R.C.C. Bridge by the eastern side of the Nakhanda river and Tihu river?

(b) If so, what steps have been taken by the Government in this regard?

(e) If not, whether Government propose to enquire into the matter?

Shri MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, in-charge Flood Control) replied :

740. (a).—No.

(b)—Does not arise in view of above.

(c).—Yes

Re: Embankment on Pahumara river

Shri TAJUDDIN AHMED (Tarabari) asked :

741. Will the Minister, Public Works Department (E. and D.), be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that one portion of the embankment on Pahumara River right bank has not been constructed upto this time?

(b) Whether it is a fact that this portion of the embankment was under the occupation of the Refinery Pipe Line camp and they assured to construct the Embankment there when they will vacate the place?

(c) Why this portion of the Embankment could not be constructed as yet?

(d) Whether Government is aware of the danger to crop during flood time by this outlet?

(e) Whether Government propose to do needful to construct the portion of the Embankment?

Shri MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister in-charge, Flood Control, etc.) replied :

741. (a) to (e).—The Burmah Oil Company (Pipe Lines) Ltd., excavated both right bank and left bank embankments at this portion. As they vacated the place without having the embankments repaired properly, these had to be properly restored by the Embankment and Drainage Department during the first part of June, 1962.

Re: Incompletion of sluice gate in Pahumara Bund

Shri MAHADEB DAS [Bhabanipur (Reserved for Scheduled Castes)] asked :

742. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department (E. & D.), be pleased to state—

- (a) Why sluice gate was left incomplete in the Pahumara Bund in Hastinapur Mouza even in the middle of July 1960 due to which the people had to suffer ?
- (b) Who was the contractor there and who were the S. D. Os and Overseers responsible for supervision ?
- (c) What action Government propose to take against them ?
- (d) Whether the sluice gate has since been completed ?
- (e) If so, when ?

Shri MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY [Minister-in-charge, Public Works Department (F. C. and I. Wing)] replied :

742. (a)—The sluice gate was nearly completed when it was damaged by the abnormal flood during May, 1959. Thereafter, further hydrological data are being collected to redesign the sluice.

(b)—Name of the Contractor is Shri Badan Chandra Bora. Name of the S. D. O. is Shri K. L. Ghose. Name of the Overseer is Shri D. C. Sarkar.

(c)—Does not arise in view of the fact that the damage was a natural calamity and could not be helped.

(d)—No.

(e)—Does not arise.

Re: Payment for Earthwork by the E. and D. Deptt.

Shri BALI RAM DAS [Morigaon (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] asked :

743. Will the Minister in-charge of Public Works Department (E. and D.) be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that after final payment of the earth work bills of the contractors by the E. and D. Department the witnesses in the pits are left and when the witnesses are removed by the contractors as per order of the department, they are paid for it ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that from the last year (1961-62) the E. and D. Department is issuing orders to the contractors to knock down the witnesses after final payment of the

bills and for which no payment is made to the contractors, though the value of the witnesses are deducted from the final bills ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that when the witnesses are knocked down departmentally the full wages are recovered from contractor's bills ?

(d) Whether Government propose to pay to the contractors at least 50% of the deductive value at the witnesses, when knocked down ?

MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister in-charge, Flood Control, etc.) replied :

743 (a)—When the earth in witnesses left in the pits of earth-works, are removed and utilised in the bunds/embankments, full payments are made to the contractors but no payment is admissible, when the witnesses are simply knocked down.

(b)—No payment is made to contractors, in cases where the contractors are asked only to knock down the witnesses, and earth is not utilised in the bund, etc. The quantities in witnesses are only deducted from measurements of the earthwork and not the value thereof.

(c)—Yes.

(d) - There is no such proposal.

Re: Requisition of Land in Mangaldai Subdivision

Shri DANDI RAM DUTTA (Kalaigaon) asked :

744. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that the Subdivisional Officer Mangaldai, requisitioned some land belonging to some, Nisf-kherajdar of the Subdivision in the year 1950 for the purpose of grow more food campaign ?

(b) If so, the number in bighas of land so requisitioned ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that the land so requisitioned was handed over to the Evacuee Property Management Committee without utilising for grow more food purpose ?

(d) Whether it is a fact that the E. M. P. C. realised at the rate of Rs.10 per bigha as share of income ?

(e) If so, what amount has been realised and whether the same has been distributed properly ?

(f) If not, why ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Minister of State, Revenue) replied :

744. (a) to (f)—Materials are being collected.

Re: Halting Allowance of some Mandals in Mangaldoi Subdivision

Shri DANDI RAM DUTTA (Kalaigaon) asked :

745. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state —

- (a) Whether it is a fact that the halting allowance of some Mandals of Mangaldoi Subdivision for the year 1949 has not yet been paid till now ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact a sum of Rs.388.56 nP. being the arrear increased pay of 13 Mandals and Subdivisional Kanongo of the then Dalgaoon Colonisation Scheme sanctioned *vide* Government letter No.RSD.III 149, dated 23rd December 1953 has not yet been paid ?
- (c) If so, why ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that 9 Mandals and S. Ks of Kalaigan and Mangaldoi Circle have not yet received their increased pay from 1st October 1956 ?
- (e) Whether any representation was received by Government from the "All-Assam Mandal-Kanongo Sanmilon" to that effect ?
- (f) If so, what action has been taken by Government ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Minister of State, Revenue) replied :

745. (a) to (f)—Materials are being collected.

Re: Embankment of River Puthimari

Shri SARAT CHANDRA GOSWAMI (Kamalpur) asked :

746. Will the Revenue Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that in some portions of the Embankment of Puthimari River the Embankment and Drainage Department could not execute the construction work of the embankment as the Revenue Department did not give them possession of the alignment according to the site plan of the Embankment and Drainage Department ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that the Revenue Department acquired lands for the embankment on a different alignment not proposed by the Embankment and Drainage Department

and the Embankment and Drainage Department refused to take possession of the wrong alignment acquired by the Revenue Department ?

- (c) Whether the Revenue Department can change the map and the alignment of the embankment without referring to the Embankment and Drainage Department at whose behest the Revenue Department is acquiring the alignment ?
- (d) Whether Government is aware that due to non-completion of the embankment in the villages Bardekpar and Dwigunpar the entire locality will have to suffer and the constructed portion of the embankment will be infructuous ?
- (e) Whether Government will be pleased to enquire into the matter as to whether for fault of the Revenue Department or for the indifference of the Embankment and Drainage Department that portion of the embankment in Bardekpar and Dwigunpar villages in Kamalpur Circle could not be completed ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Minister of State, Revenue) replied :

746. (a) to (e).—The fact of the case is as follows—

In some villages on the banks of the Puthimari river, the Embankment and Drainage Department proposed some alignment and at the time of surveying the same, the villagers raised serious objections. They wanted to shift the alignment more towards the river than what was proposed by the Embankment and Drainage Department. Later on an enquiry was held jointly by the present Executive Engineer, Embankment and Drainage and the former Land Acquisition Officer, and the matter was then referred to the Embankment and Drainage Department. Again there had been joint enquiries held on these villages by the Executive Engineer Embankment and Drainage and the present Land Acquisition Officer. The suggestions made by the Land Acquisition Officer have mostly been accepted by the Embankment and Drainage Department and accordingly the survey and alignment have been made and Embankments are being constructed in Bardekpur village.

There was no question of the Revenue Department arbitrarily changing the alignment. Government do not consider that any portion of the Embankment will be infructuous.

Re: Requisition of land for the Thermal and Fertilizer Project at Namrup

Shri INDRESWAR KHAUND (Jaipur) asked :

747. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state—

- (a) How many families are going to be ultimately evicted for requisition of lands for the Thermal and Fertilizer Projects at Namrup ?

- (b) How many families have so far been evicted and resettled ?
- (c) What arrangement the Government is making to rehabilitate those families who will be evicted ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Minister of State, Revenue) replied :

747. (a) & (b)—None has yet been evicted but 351 families are likely to be affected ultimately by the acquisition of land for these projects of which 36 families have so far been affected by acquisition of land for Thermal Project. They, on receipt of compensation money, voluntarily surrendered their possession and settled themselves by purchasing lands with their compensation money in preference to land allotted by Government.

(c)—About 1,400 bighas of tea garden land considered surplus have been requisitioned but further action has been stayed as the garden authorities have filed appeals.

Re: Acquisition of lands for Puthimari Embankment construction

Shri SARAT CHANDRA GOSWAMI (Kamalgur) asked :

748. Will the Minister, Revenue be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether the lands acquired for construction of Puthimari embankment have been omitted from the pattas of the owners of the land ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that the pattadars had to pay the land revenue for the acquired lands from 1955 though the embankment was constructed in the year 1954 and they were dispossessed from the land ?
- (c) Whether the Pattadars have been refunded the amount they have paid as land revenue for such acquired lands?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Minister of State, Revenue) replied :

748. a)—Periodic and Nisfkheraj land acquired in 1961 are being omitted from pattas after correcting records.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—Not yet, but the pattadars will be refunded the land revenue and local rate paid with effect from the date the land vested in Government after correction of records currently under way.

Re: Some offices of Deputy Commissioner, Darrang

Shri MOHI KANTA DAS (Barchalla) asked :

749. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government is aware that some of the offices of the Deputy Commissioner, Darrang are held in the veranda

of the Court Building by covering the same with 'Dharis' for want of space?

- (b) Whether Government is aware that there has been great difficulty in holding courts of Judges and some Magistrates for want of accommodation in the court Building?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that there is proposal for reconstruction of Court Building?
- (d) If so, when Government propose to commence the work?
- (e) If not, whether Government propose to take steps for reconstruction of the Court Building so that all offices and Courts may be accommodated therein?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Minister of State, Revenue) replied:

749. (a) & (b)—Yes.

(c)—There is a proposal for construction of an additional Court building at Tezpur by the side of the present Court Building.

(d)—There is a provision of Rupees 20,000 in the current year's State Budget against the total estimated cost of Rupees. 3,30,000 for the Building. Arrangement has been made to accord administrative approval to the project after which work will commence following the P. W. D. Rules and procedure.

(e)—Does not arise.

Re: The Brahmaputra Dyke from Silghat to Borbill

Shri ABU NASAR Md. OHID (Rupohihat) asked:

750. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) When the Brahmaputra Dyke from Silghat to Borbill was constructed?

(b) Whether it is a fact that this Dyke passed through patta lands of many villages?

(c) Whether it is a fact that the patta holder whose lands have been taken for the purpose of construction of Dyke are entitled to compensation?

(d) Whether it is a fact that the Acquisition Department of Nowgong prepared a list for giving compensation to such patta holders?

(e) If so, whether any payment has been made to all the eligible persons?

(f) If not, why such delay has been made in this matter?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Minister of State, Revenue) replied:

750. (a) — In 1958-59.

(b) — Yes.

(c) — Yes.

(d) — Yes.

(e) & (f) — The compensation in respect of land falling under Dhing and Sadar Circles have already been made available. As regards Koliabor and Samaguri Circles fund for payment is being placed at the disposal of Collector by the requiring authority, i. e., by the P. W. D. (E. & D).

Re: Requisition of Kopati Tea Garden Surplus Land

Shri MATLEBUDDIN (Dalgaon) asked:

751. Will the Minister, Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) When the requisition of Kopati Tea Garden surplus land has been started and how far the requisition process is going on?

(b) What is the total area of land that has been found out as surplus?

(c) Whether the surplus land will be distributed among the flood and erosion affected families?

(d) If so, when?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Minister of State, Revenue) replied:

751. (a) — No land has yet been requisitioned from Kopati T. E. nor any land of the T. E. is under process of requisition.

(b) — The T. E. has a surplus area of 618.85 acres according to the accepted policy of Government and that the area in excess of 3 times the area under tea will be considered surplus.

(c) & (d) — The land being tenanted is being dealt with under the Assam Fixation of Ceiling on Land Holdings Act, 1956 for settlement with the tenants. Hence the question of distribution among the flood and erosion affected families does not arise until any area is found surplus to the requirement of the tenants.

Re : Requisition of lands from Miri people in Tezpur

Shri BISWADEV SARMA (Balipara) asked :

752. Will the Minister, Revenue be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that large portions of land belonging to Miri people of Baligaon, Bokagaon and Kakokoli village, P.O. Balipara Mouza in Tezpur Subdivision were requisitioned by the Government for construction of Public Works Department roads and bridges and if so, when?
- (b) What is the rate of compensation paid to these families uptill now?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that some Miri people became landless due to this?
- (d) If so, what steps were taken by Government to rehabilitate these families?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Minister of State, Revenue) replied :

752. (a)—Yes, an area of 543B.-0K.-8L. of land was requisitioned on 22nd March 1960, but out of this area an area of 303B.-0K.-18L. has since been derequisitioned as it is proposed to acquire the area under the L. A. Act. Due to change of alignment it is also likely that the balance area of 239B.-4K.-10L. may not also be necessary and may ultimately be derequisitioned.

(b)—The rates of compensation are under assessment.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—List of persons rendered landless is under preparation and every endeavour will be made to provide them with land elsewhere.

Re : Requisition of land in Mirza Hills in Kamrup District

Shri HARENDRA NATH TALUKDAR (Rampur) asked :

753. Will the Minister, Revenue be pleased to state—

- (a) How many bighas of land have been requisitioned from the Patta holders in the Mirza Hill areas in the district of Kamrup?
- (b) For what purposes the land has been requisitioned?
- (c) Whether the land has been distributed?
- (d) If so, whether Government will be pleased to lay on the table a list showing the persons with whom the plots of land have been allotted with the following particulars:—
 - (i) Name
 - (ii) Father's name
 - (iii) Permanent address
 - (iv) Areas of land allotted
 - (v) Whether erosion affected.

(e) Whether the people, who did not possess land of their own before erosion, have been given plots of land ?

(f) If so, who are they ?

(g) Whether there is any provision to give plots of land to the persons from whom the land was requisitioned ?

(h) If so, who are the persons who have been allotted the land ?

(i) Whether there is a land distribution Committee ?

(j) If so, who are the members ?

(k) What is the tenure of the Committee ?

(l) When it was constituted ?

(m) When it will be reconstituted ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Minister of State, Revenue)
replied :

753. (a) 717B—4K—3L.

(b) To give planned settlement to the erosion affected town people of Palasbari and also to rehabilitate the persons and re-establish the public Institutions affected and likely to be affected by further erosion.

(c)—The area available for allotment was about 466 bighas keeping an area of about 252 bighas either covered by road, drains, parks, etc., or reserved for future public Institutions. Out of this 466 bighas the entire area has been distributed except for an area of about 111 bighas, the question of allotment of which is being considered.

(d)—(i) to (v)—A list has been placed on the Library Table.

(e)—Yes. Some persons who held land as tenants before the erosion took place and some persons intimately connected with some welfare institutions were given allotment.

(f)—(1) Shri Abalakanta Goswami, Headmaster, R. B. H. E School connected with the Institution.

(2) Shri Punit Muchi Tenant.

(3) Shri Jagadish Roy. „

(4) Shri Himansu Kar. „

(5) Shri Bidut Prabha Shome, Midwife connected with the dispensary.

(6) Shri Gapikumar, Tenant.

(7) Shri Sarbananda Kumar, Tenant.

(g) The Requisition order did not contemplate this but the cases of those who were hard hit by acquisition were considered and given some plots.

(h)—A list is placed on the Library Table.

(i)—Yes. There is an allotment Sub-Committee.

(j) The following members are appointed as members—

(1) Sri Abala Kanta Goswami.

(2) Sri Dharmeswar Das.

(3) Chairman Municipal Board, Palasbari.

(4) Sri Ratneswar Sarma.

(5) Sub-Deputy Collector, Palasbari.

(6) L. A. O., Gauhati.

This is a Sub-Committee of the Board appointed by the Government for the purpose.

(k)—No time limit is given for this purpose.

(l)—On 2nd March 1959.

(m)—Does not arise in view of (k) above.

Re: Pay and Allowances of Agriculture Extension Officer

Shri UPENDRA NATH SANATAN (Bogdung) asked:

754. Will the Minister, Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that the Agriculture Extension Officer, Shri U. Hazarika has not yet been paid his pay and allowances for the period from 26th September, 1960 to 16th November, 1960?

(b) Whether it is a fact that he served as Extension Officer (Agriculture) in Khoirabari Block during that period?

(c) Whether it is a fact that this officer had been submitting representations from time to time to the Director of Agriculture with copy to the Development Commissioner to pay his salary for his service for that period?

(d) Who is the person responsible for the delay?

Shri MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Agriculture) replied:

754. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—The matter is under examination.

Re: "Hand Book of Plant Protection"

Shri LAKSHMI PRASAD GOSWAMI (Laharighat) asked :

755. Will the Minister of Agriculture be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether a book namely "Hand Book of Plant Protection" was published by the Agricultural Department of the Government of Assam ?
- (b) If the answer to (a) above is in affirmative, the number of copies printed and published and the cost of publication ?
- (c) The name of the author of the book ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that the book was a *verbatim* copy of a Madras Government publication ?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that the author was made to apologise to the Madras Government for copying its publication ?
- (f) Steps, if any, taken against the officer concerned ?

Shri MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Agriculture) replied :

755. (a)—Yes,

(b)—Six hundred copies were printed at the Government Press.

(c)—Shri S. Choudhury, formerly Mycologist, now Additional Director of Agriculture, and late S. Majid, formerly Director of Agriculture were the joint authors of this book.

(d)—No. It is not a fact that the book was a *verbatim* copy of a Madras Government publication.

(e) & (f)—Do not arise in view of (d) above.

Re: Paddy Lands in Hailakandi Subdivision

Shri ABDUL JALIL CHOUDHURY (Badarpur) asked :

756. Will the Minister-in-charge of Agriculture be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that a large number of paddy lands are lying in Bakri Hawr of Hailakandi Subdivision ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that this Hawr is an over-flooded area ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that almost in every year paddies of this Hawr are being affected by flood ?

- (d) Whether it is a fact that if the paddies of this Hawr are protected and waste lands become cultivable, it will be one of the granaries in the district of Cachar ?
- (e) Whether any plan and scheme have been taken up for development of this Hawr for cultivation ?
- (f) If so, what is the plan and scheme ?
- (g) What amount will be spent for this purpose ?
- (h) How long it will take for completion ?
- (i) If the reply to (e) above be in the negative, whether Government propose to take up any plan and scheme for development of this Hawr for cultivation ?

Shri MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Agriculture) replied :

756. (a)—Yes. There is an area of approximately 2,000 acres for paddy.

(b)—Yes. There has been incidence of high floods in the area.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—About 2,670 tons of paddy is expected to be produced every year in the event of the area being protected and waste land being made cultivable.

(e)—A scheme, namely, "Flood Protection and Drainage" in Bakri Hawr in Hailakandi Subdivision is proposed to be taken up after receipt of Government of India's approval.

(f)—The scheme includes provision for embankment and drainage channel, etc.

(g)—The estimated cost is Rs.6,08,000.

(h)—For execution it may take about 2 (two years).

(i)—Does not arise.

Re: Graduates in Architecture

Shri CHANOO KHERIA (Morongi) asked:

757. Will the Minister of Town and Country Planning be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether he is aware of the number of graduates in Architecture in Assam who can work in planning of cities in the State and if so, what is that number ?

- (b) How many of them have been sent by the Government for undergoing post-graduate course in that subject ?
- (c) How many of them have been borrowed from outside our State ?
- (d) Whether there is any scarcity of such engineering graduates amongst persons who are natives of the State ?
- (e) If so, whether Government propose to train some youths in this line from the State ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister-in-charge, Town and Country Planning) replied:

757. (a)—So far as Government are aware, four only.

(b)—Nil.

(c)—Nil.

(d)—No such scarcity has been felt so far.

(e)—Does not arise.

Re: Housing accommodation for Government Officers

Shri DANDI RAM DUTTA (Kalaigaon) asked:

758. Will the Minister-in-charge of Finance be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government is aware that there is an acute scarcity of housing accommodation in the towns of Assam for the Government Officers ?
- (b) Whether Government is aware that the rent of the houses in towns is very high ?
- (c) What is the rate of house rent allowance admissible to the Government servants (to be shown categorywise).
- (d) Whether the house rent allowance given is sufficient to cover the house rent prevailing in the town ?
- (e) Whether Government propose to take a Scheme to provide free housing to Fourth Grade Government servants ?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Finance) replied:

758. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—The rate of house rent allowance to the different categories of Government servants working under various departments and posted in various towns in Assam, is given below :—

Serial No.	Department	Category of Staff	Rate of House Rent Allowance per mensem		
			In all places in the State.	In Shillong	other places than Shillong.
(1)	(2)	(3)	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1	G. A. (P. & S.) Department.	IV Grade Industrial Employees	3	..	..
2	Revenue (L) Deptt. ..	Sub-Deputy Collectors ..	25	..	..
3	P. W. D. (F. C. & I.) Wing.	Overseer Grade I (Esstt.) ..	20	..	..
		Overseer of any Grade (Work Charged)	15	..	..
		Muharrir do do	10	..	..
		Khalasis do do	6	..	..
4	P. W. D. (R. & B.) ..	Overseer, Computer and Draftsman Grade I.	20	..	..
5	Home Department (Police Br.)	Deputy Superintendent of Police	25	..	..
		Inspector of Police ..	..	45	30
		Sergeant Majors and Sergeants ..	30	..	..
		Sub-Inspector of Police ..	..	25	20
		Assistant Sub-Inspector of Police and Head Constables.	..	15	10
		Constables ..	10	..	..
	Home Department (Jail Br.)	Assistant Jailors ..	..	25	2
		Warders ..	10	..	..
6	Appointment (B) Department.	Chairman and other Member	200	..	..
7	Finance (E) Department.	Auditor ..	25	..	..
		Junior Auditor ..	25	..	..
		Assistant Auditor ..	25	..	..

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(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)		
			In all places in the State Rs.	In Shillong Rs.	other Places than Shillong. Rs.
8	Medical Department ..	Overseers	20	..	..
		Well Drillers	20	..	..
		Sanitary Inspectors	15	..	..
		Lady Health Visitor	25	..	..
		Aux-Nurse-Midwife	20	..	..
		Dhai	10	..	..
		Health Inspector, Sanitary Inspector and Health Assistant,	15	..	..
		Pharmacists	..	22-50	15
		Assistant Surgeon II	..	35 20 to 30	..
		Magic Lantern Operator	12	..	..
		Dresser	15	..	..
		Female Attendant	10	..	..
		Radiographer	20	..	..
		Assistant Surgeon I (PHU)	25	..	..
9	Veterinary Department	Veterinary Assistant Surgeon	20	..	..
10	Industries (S. & W.) Department.	Draftsman Supervisor and Draftsman Overseer.	20	..	..
11	T. A. and W. B. C. Department.	Political Assistants	25	..	..
12	Education (G) Department.	Sub-Inspector of Schools	25	..	..
		Assistant Sub-Inspector of Schools	15	..	..
13	Appointment (A) Department.	A.C.S. II Officers working under Revenue Department as S.D.C. or in any capacity.	25	..	..
		B.D.O.S. in A.C.S II	25	..	..

Serial No.	Department	Category of Staff	Rate of House Rent Allowance per mensem		
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)		
			In all places in the State	In Shillong	Places other than Shillong
			Rs.		
14	Transport Department	Overseers and Field Assistants ..	20	:	..
15	Co-operative Department.	Assistant Co-operative Officers and Deputy Co-operative Officers.	25	...	..
16	Forest Department	.. Forest Rangers	35	..	..
		Deputy Rangers	30	..	..
		Forest Surveyor (Working Plan) ..	30	..	...
		Forest Surveyor (Territorial Divisions)	28	...	..
		Forest Supervisors	28	..	..
		Foresters	28	..	..
		Assistant Foresters	25	..	..
		Forest Guards	15	..	..
17	Revenue (S) Department.	Assistant Settlement Officers and Assistant Revenue Officers.	25	..	..
18	Development (P. and C. D.) Department.	Block Development Officers ..	25	..	..
		Medical Officers	35	..	..
		Compounders	15	...	...
		Health Visitors	15	...	..
		Midwives	20	...	..
		Nurses	20	...	..
		Overseers	20	..	..
		Sanitary Inspectors	12 (Unqualified).	..	..
		Dhais	10 (Under qualified), 15 (Hills) 10 (Plains)	..	..

(d)—In most of the cases the house rent allowance given is reported to be sufficient to cover the house rent prevailing in the towns.

(e)—A scheme for construction of barrack type residential quarters for the Fourth Grade Government servants in Shillong is under consideration. For this purpose a plot of land measuring 3.40 acres at Pynthor-umkhrah has already been acquired and Public Works Department is being asked to prepare plan and estimate for the same.

Re: Death of prisoners in Mangaldoi Jails

Shri SIBA PRASAD SARMA (Mangaldai) asked:

759. Will the Minister-in-charge of Jail be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that a few prisoners died in Mangaldoi Jail two or three years back?
- (b) If so, what is the number of casualties and its cause?
- (c) The total capacity of the Mangaldoi Jail?
- (d) The number of daily average prisoners and under-trial prisoners kept in Mangaldoi Jail from 1st January 1962 to 31st March 1962?
- (e) Whether there is any proposal for shifting and reorganisation of Mangaldoi Jail?
- (f) If so, when and what is the amount sanctioned for the purpose?

Shri MAHENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Minister, Jails) replied:

759. (a) & (b)—Yes, during the month of January/February 1959, nine prisoners died of various diseases such as, gastro-enteritis, Bacillary dysentery and haematemesis, maelina from peptic ulcer and chronic asthma.

(c)—112 prisoners.

(d)—The number of daily average prisoners—

January 1962	February 1962	March 1962
57.35	46.31	33.10

Under trial prisoners—

January 1962	February 1962	March 1962
131.64	126.58	114.29

(e) & (f)—There is a proposal for shifting of the Mangaldoi Jail from its present site. But as it involves huge expenditure (Rs 15,26,500) it has been decided to take up the question after the 3rd Five Year Plan.

Re: Extension of Retired Gazetted Officers

Shri HARENDRA NATH TALUKDAR (Rampur) asked :

760. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that several Gazetted Officers have been given extension (re-employment) in their service after their retirement ?

(b) If so, their names with the following particulars ?

(i) Name and qualification ;

(ii) Designation ;

(iii) Pay ;

(iv) The Department in which the Officer is working ;

(v) How many terms of extension was given ;

and

(vi) Age ?

(c) The total expenditure in giving salaries to these officers per month ?

(d) The total expenditure if these posts are filled up by promoted personnel ?

(e) Whether such qualified persons are not available in the offices concerned ?

(f) The benefit and necessity of giving such extension ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

760. (a)—Yes. During 1962, 32 Gazetted Officers have been re-employed and 5 Gazetted Officers have been given extension of service.

(b)—A statement is laid on the Table.

(c)—Rupees 29,477.06 nP.

(d)—It is not possible to furnish the total expenditure, as this would depend on the pay of the officers who would have been selected for these posts but for re-employment/extension of service.

(e)—Yes.

(f)—Re-employment/extension of service is given only when there is dearth of suitable officers to fill up posts requiring special qualifications and experience. It is granted in exceptional circumstances in public interest and in cases of genuine necessity. In some cases extensions have been given to draw up and conclude proceedings.

Re: Mancotta Mauza

Shrimati LILY SEN GUPTA (Lahowal) asked :

761. Will the Minister-in-charge, Tribal Areas Department and other Backward Classes be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that Mancotta Mouza is predominantly the abode of Scheduled Castes Tribals, labourers and others ?
- (b) Whether there is any dispensary in that Mouza ?
- (c) If so, where ?
- (d) What amount is spent from grant under Article 275 in that area ?

Shri LALIT KUMAR DOLEY (Deputy Minister, Tribal Areas and Welfare of B. C.) replied :

761. (a)—There are tea garden labourers in the area. Information regarding Scheduled Castes/Tribes population is not readily available. A report has been called for from the Deputy Commissioner.

(b)—No.

(c)—Does not arise.

(d)—A report regarding development of the area has been called for from the Deputy Commissioner concerned for examination.

Re: Special Registrars and Sub-Registrars

Shri LAKSHMI PRASAD GOSWAMI (Laharighat) asked :

762. Will the Minister-in-charge of Registration be pleased to state—

- (a) The number of special Registrars and Sub-Registrars in the State of Assam ?
- (b) The pay scale of (I) Special Registrars (II) Sub-Registrars ?
- (c) The revenue income from Registration for the years 1959, 1960 and 1961 ?
- (d) Total number of Registration offices of the different categories in the State ?
- (e) The minimum educational qualifications necessary for appointment as Sub-Registrars ?
- (f) Whether Government has any proposal for the establishment of an independent directorate for the Registration in place of the present *Ex-Officio* Director ?

Shri RUP NATH BRAHMA (Minister-in-charge of Registration) replied:

762. (a).—There is no special Registrar in the Registration Department. There are 3 Special Sub-Registrars and 23 Sub-Registrars in the State.

(b).—(I) Pay scale of Special Sub-Registrar is Rs.250—18—340—E. B.—20—400, (II) Pay scale of Sub-Registrar is Rs.125—7½—155—9—245—(EB)—10—275.

(c).—The information is being collected.

(d).—Total number of Registration offices is 41. Out of these there are 23 departmental Sub-Registry Offices, 6 *Ex-Officio* Sub-Registry Offices and 12 Commission basis Sub-Registry Offices.

(e).—Degree of a recognised university.

(f).—No.

Re: Ratio of land allotment to each family in a Forest Village

Shri TARAPADA BHATTACHARJEE (Katigora) asked:

763. Will the Minister, Forests be pleased to state—

- (a) What is the ratio of land allotted to each family in a Forest Village at the first instance?
- (b) When the Government opened the Anandakhal and Kashithal (Smith Nagar) Forest Village in the District of Cachar?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that land allotted to the villagers at Anandakhal and Kashithal has not yet been surveyed and demarcated?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that some of the villagers are enjoying land much less than the actual allotment?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that notices have lately been served upon some villagers of Kashithal, Anandakhal, Bishnupur and Jarsiltala Forest Village declaring a portion of their land as khas, which they are enjoying from the time of their forefathers and paying local rate and revenue?
- (f) If so, why?
- (g) Whether it is a fact that surveyor has been deputed for demarcating the recently declared khas area?
- (h) Whether it is a fact that each adult member paying free labour are entitled to get 10 bighas of land as per forest manual?

- (i) If so, why some villagers of Lakhichara, Anandakhal, Jaraitala and other Forest Villages of Cachar are not getting the said quantity of land ?
- (j) Whether it is a fact that the villagers of Anandakhal, Chekarocham, Kashithal, etc., applied for allowing a Washerman to settle at Anandakhal, which they require as a part of their religion during birth and death and other festival ?
- (k) If so, why no permission has yet been granted ?
- (l) Whether it is a fact that 10 landless peasants family were granted land at Kakhichara Forest Village in the last winter but they have not yet been favoured with the land ?
- (m) If so, why ?

Shri LALIT KUMAR DOLEY (Deputy Minister, Forests) replied :

763. (a)—Each resident household of a Forest Village is ordinarily entitled to bighas of homestead or bari land and 10 bighas of rupit or paddy land for each adult male member, the maximum allotment being 35 bighas, including the 5 bighas of homestead or bari land for the household.

(b)—Anandakhal Forest Village was opened in the year 1934, Kashithal Smithnagar Forest Village Part II was opened in 1947 and Smithnagar Forest Village Part I in 1940.

(c)—Anandakhal and Kashithal Forest Villages have been surveyed, Kashithal has been demarcated also but Anandakhal has not yet been demarcated according to new allotment.

(d)—No.

(e)—Notices were served upon some of the Forest Villagers of Jaraitala and Anandakhal Forest Villages only for relinquishing the excess land held by them.

(f)—For re-allotment to other deserving villagers with inadequate land

(g)—Yes.

(h)—No. Allotment of land in the Forest Village is not on the basis of adult member paying free labour, it is done on the basis as at (a) above subject to availability of land.

(i)—The question of allotment depends on the availability of land.

(j)—Yes.

(k)—There is no provision in the Forest Village Rules for admission of a Washerman.

(l)—Allotment was made to 10 families of whom seven have already been settled at Lakhicherra Forest Village, two wanted time and one refused to come.

(m)—Does not arise.

Re: Sal trees of Bagai Khas in the Kamrup Division

Shri HARENDRA NATH TALUKDAR (Rampur) asked :

764. Will the Minister-in-charge of Forests be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that the “Bagai Khas” having a large number of green sal trees in the Kamrup Division has been given under lease to some individuals for operation of the trees ?
- (b) If so, what is the actual area of the “Bagai Khas” ?
- (c) What is the approximate number of trees there ?
- (d) What was the date of Gazette notification and in which gazette it was published for calling tenders ?
- (e) What are the necessities and benefits of the Government by selling the trees under lease ?
- (f) How many tenderers submitted their tenders ?
- (g) What was the last date for receiving tenders ?
- (h) Who were the tenderers and what are their rates ?
- (i) With whom and on which date the lease was settled ?
- (j) On which date the agreement between the Government and the parties was executed ?
- (k) On which date the work order was given to the parties for operation ?
- (l) How many trees have been given under the lease ?
- (m) What are the salient features specified for each tree to be enumerated for selling under the lease ?
- (n) Whether the concurrence from the D. C., Kamrup was obtained in this connection ?
- (o) If so, on which date ?

Shri LALIT KUMAR DOLEY (Deputy Minister, Forests) replied :

764. (a)—Yes, it has been leased out in blocks to one individual and one company.

(b)—The approximate area of the Bagai Khas which has been leased out is given below.—

1. Bagai Khas Block I	...	...	994.00 acres.
2. Bagai Khas Block II	...	...	3153.00 acres.
3. Bagai Khas Block III	...	...	652.00 acres.
Total			4779.00 acres.

(c)—The approximate number of trees of the forest is given below.—

1. Bagai Khas Block I	...	...	...	39,459
2. Bagai Khas Block II	...	...	...	28,578
3. Bagai Khas Block III	...	...	...	7,674
Total				75,711

(d)—The notification could not be published in the Gazette due to pre-occupation of the Government Press with other urgent work.

(e)—Necessities are as follows :—

Government could not supply sleeper to the full requirement of the Railway Authority. In 1961 Government however assured the Railway Authority to make maximum efforts for supplying more Sleeper from December, 1961 specially in view of Railway development through out the country. With this view it was decided to lease out the Bagai Khas forest area for supply of Sleeper, because.—

1. The area had not been worked out for about 30 years and hence many trees had become mature and required operation.
2. The area is subject to constant Jhuming. So the trees have to be operated before they are destroyed by fire.
3. The land of the forest is open for settlement and actually part of it is being settled in the recent resettlement operation of Kamrup District. Hence removal of the trees as early as possible is necessary.

Benefits under lease are as follows :—

1. Government get the revenue from selling the trees which otherwise would have been illegally felled, rotted or burnt in the forest.
2. Ordinary and special sal sleepers converted from these trees will be supplied to the Indian Railways who would otherwise have to import sleepers spending foreign exchange.
3. By giving the area on a long-term lease the Government saves the expenditure of making innumerable extraction paths and roads at a high cost, which the Government would have been required to bear if the area would have been sold as small coupes.

(f)—13.

(g)—27th October, 1961.

(h)—A statement is given below :—

Bogai Khas Block I

			Sal Sawn timber per cft.	Sal Barked logs below 4' in girth per cft.	Sal Dress- ed logs per cft.
			Rs. nP.	Rs. nP.	Rs. nP.
(1) M/S. Assam Cane Dealers	...	...	2.95	1.30	3.85
(2) Shri A. Waheb	...	..	2.26	1.07	1.19
(3) Shri Gajendra Kalita	...	...	2.27	0.76	1.56

Bogai Khas Block II

			Rs. nP.	Rs. nP.	Rs. nP.
(1) Shri Bhupendra Ch. Mahanta	...	...	2.99	1.25	3.89
(2) M/S. Assam Cane Dealers	...	..	2.91	1.30	3.85
(3) Shri Bijit Chandra Thakuria	...	...	1.75	1.00	0.87
(4) Shri Gajendra Kalita	...	...	1.81	0.65	1.42
(5) Shri Bhuban Ch. Bora	...	...	2.56	1.25	2.25

Bogai Khas Block III

			Rs. nP.	Rs. nP.	Rs. nP.
(1) M/S. Assam Cane Dealers	...	..	2.99	1.35	3.85
(2) Shri Debiram Das	...	..	2.50	1.06	2.25
(3) Shri Subhas Mitra	...	...	1.20	0.45	0.30
(4) M/S. Lee Hing Saw Mills	...	..	2.25	0.87	1.06
(5) Shri Lohit Ch. Thakuria	..	...	1.27	0.55	0.63
(6) Shri Lakhiram Kumar	...	...	2.12	0.75	1.25
(7) Shri Laxmi Prasad Chaudhury Saw Mill			1.90	0.80	1.20

(i)—All the three Blocks of this forest have been settled with respective highest tenderers, i. e., Bogai Khas Blocks I and II with M/S. Assam Cane Dealers and Bogai Khas Block II with Shri Bhupendra Chandra Mahanta. The settlement was communicated to the parties concerned on 6th December, 1961.

(j)—The agreement has not yet been executed. The draft is under scrutiny.

(k)—Blocks I and II on 4th January, 1962 and Block III on 2nd February, 1962.

(l)—Block No. I ...	...	20,000 trees (approximately)
Block No. II ...	...	12,000 trees (approximately).
Block No. III ...	...	6,000 trees (approximately).

(m)—All the trees are not allowed to be operated. Only the trees of following girth measurements are allowed to be operated.

In Blocks I and II, Green Sal trees of 5' ft. and up can only be operated. In Block III, Green Sal trees of 4' ft. and up can only be operated. There is no limit for dead and wind-fallen sal trees to be operated. As regards miscellaneous hardwood species, only trees of 6' ft. and up can be operated. These limitations are given to avoid operation of under-matured trees which will mature in due course yielding better revenue.

(n)—Yes.

(o)—At the time of leasing out of this forest the D.C's. concurrence was taken informally; but the written concurrence of D. Cs. came on 29th June 1962.

Re: Demand for Bamboos and Timber in Cachar

Shri TARAPADA BHATTACHARJEE (Katigora) asked:

765. Will the Minister-in-charge of Forests be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government is aware that the demand in Cachar for bamboos and timber is greater than the availability of those materials in Cachar and neighbouring area?

(b) Whether Government is aware that export of bamboos and timber from and through Cachar to East Pakistan is causing enhancement of price to exorbitant degree?

(c) Whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the unanimous resolution adopted by Cachar Contractors' Association for stopping export of bamboos and timber from and through Cachar?

(d) If so, Government's reaction thereto?

Shri LALIT KUMAR DOLEY (Deputy Minister, Forests) replied :

765. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Export of bamboos and timber from and through Cachar is within the limit permitted by the Controller of Imports and Exports and as such this is not the main reason for the increase of the price of the materials. The increase of the price is rather due to (1) large number of bamboos in Cachar region having died during the recent years and (2) timber being consumed by the Plywood Industries in Cachar itself (in Karimganj area), and also by the other local Industries.

(c) & (d)—No such resolution has been received. However, it is Government's policy to regulate exports taking the local demand with due consideration.

Re : Illegal Trade in Timbers

Shri MAHADEB DAS [Bhabanipur (Reserved for Scheduled Caste)] asked :

766. Will the Minister-in-charge of Forest be pleased to state—

(a) Whether illegal trade in timbers was detected under North Kamrup Forest Division in year 1959-60 ?

(b) If so, who were the parties and what happened to those cases ?

Shri LALIT KUMAR DOLEY (Deputy Minister, Forests) replied :

766. (a) & (b)—Information is being called for.

Re : Allegation of insulting a Rumanian Party by a Range Officer in Kaziranga

Shri LAKSHMI PRASAD GOSWAMI (Laharighat) asked :

767. Will the Minister-in-charge of Forests be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government received any allegation of insulting a Rumanian party by a Range Officer-in-charge of Kaziranga on the 1st of April, 1962.

(b) What steps, if any, Government has taken against the person or persons responsible for this insult ?

(c) The name of the person or persons responsible for the alleged incident ?

Shri LALIT KUMAR DOLEY (Deputy Minister, Forests) replied :

767. (a)—Yes.

(b)—The allegation is still under enquiry and responsibility can be fixed only after the enquiry is completed and the allegation is found correct.

(c)—Does not arise in view of reply to (b) above.

Re: Opening of Kalmua Beel for Fishing**Shri NARENDRA NATH SARMA (Bokakhat)** asked :

768. Will the Minister of Forests be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Kalmua Beel of Kaziranga Mouza is opened for fishing to the neighbouring villages of Kaziranga Mouza ?
- (b) If not, what are the reasons ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that western side of Kalmua Beel near Kuthari is opened for public fishing ?
- (d) If so, why there are different principles in different portions of the same river ?
- (e) Whether Government propose to open the Beel for the public in some fixed days in season time for fishing with proper supervision of the Forest Department ?

Shri LALIT KUMAR DOLEY (Deputy Minister-in-charge, Forests) replied:

768. (a)—No.

(b)—The Kalmua beel (river) is partly situated within the Sanctuary. Hence for the protection and security of the wild lives of the Sanctuary the area cannot be opened up for fishing purpose.

(c)—The information is being collected.

(d) & (e)—The matter will be examined on receipt of information referred to in (c).

Re: Detection of Illegal Hunting**Shri MAHADEB DAS [Bhabanipur (Reserved for Scheduled Castes)]** asked:

769. Will the Minister of Forests be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that illegal hunting was detected at North Kamrup Forest Division specially in Manash Sanctuary in the year 1962 ?
- (b) Who were the persons or the company involved in those cases?
- (c) Whether any decision on the illegal hunting has since been made ?

Shri LALIT KUMAR DOLEY (Deputy Minister, Forests) replied:

769. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Shri Dhaneswar Madahi, Shri Santala Boro & Co., Shri Suren Basumatary, Shri Lakhiram Deka & Co., Shri Chuniram Boro & Co., Shri Gopi Jogi & Co., and Shri Boloram Ram & Co.

(c)—The cases of Shri Dhaneswar Madahi and Shri Suren Basumatary are under order of compounding, while the cases of Shri Lakhiram Deka & Co., and Shri Chuniram Boro & Co., were compounded on payment of compensation of Rs.150 and Rs.40 respectively. The cases of Shri Santala Boro & Co., and Shri Gopi Jogi & Co., are on the process of sending to Court, while the case of Shri Boloram Ram & Co., is under investigation.

Re: Shifting of Behali Forest Range Office Headquarter

Shri BISHNULAL UPADHYAYA (Gohpur) asked :

770. Will the Minister-in-charge of Forests be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether in view of the reply given to unstarred question No. 401 asked by the questioner on 29th October 1960 the proposal for shifting of the Behali Forest Range Office Headquarters to Borgong during the early years of the Third Plan will be put in practice?
- (b) Whether the plan and estimates called for from the Divisional Forest Officer, Darrang have been received?
- (c) The total cost of new construction of the buildings, etc., at Borgong?
- (d) Whether the work of construction of office buildings and staff quarters will be started during the current year?
- (e) If not, why not?

Shri LALIT KUMAR DOLEY (Deputy Minister, Forests) replied :

770. (a)—Yes.

(b)—No, but he has been asked for the same.

(c)—About Rs. 30,000.

(d)—Yes.

(e)—Does not arise.

Re: Telpani Reserve Forest

Shrimati LILY SEN GUPTA (Lahowal) asked :

771. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government is aware that the flood affected Scheduled Castes villagers of Chhagalikata and Kumari Pathar of Modarkhat Mauza applied for their settlement in the Telpani Reserve Forest?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that they have applied many times and also made deputations to the Government for their settlement?
- (c) If so, what action has been taken to expedite an early settlement?

Shri LALIT KUMAR DOLEY (Deputy Minister, Forests) replied :

771. (a) & (b)—Yes.

(c)—Government have regretted their inability to grant the prayer as there is no land available in Telpani Reserve Forest for such settlement.

Re: Lease of Bagai Khas Forest**Shri PRABIN KUMAR CHOUDHURY (Boko)** asked :

772. Will the Minister, Forests be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that the Bagai Khas Forest was leased out to one Ganga Bhuyan of Golaghat and his relations ?
- (b) Whether it a fact that no notification in Gazette was published in respect of his lease except a Sale Notice in newspapers ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that a Scheduled Caste contractor also submitted tender for this forest ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that the public lodged objections to the lease of this forest ?
- (e) If so, why the objection from the public was disregarded ?
- (f) What was the reason for not considering the case of the Scheduled Caste candidate ?

Shri LALIT KUMAR DOLEY (Deputy Minister, Forests) replied :

772. (a)—No.

(b)—Yes. Though the Sale Notice could not be published in the Gazette the same was widely published in newspapers and circulated in other divisions of the State also.

(c)—None of the tenderers submitted tender as a Scheduled Caste.

(d)—No.

(e)—Does not arise.

(f)—Does not arise.

Re: Eviction of Encroachers from Rongkhang Forest Reserve**Shri LAKSHMI PRASAD GOSWAMI (Laharighat)** asked :

773. Will the Minister, Forests be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government has stayed eviction of some encroachers from Rongkhang Forest Reserve ?
- (b) Whether Government has any plan to dereserve forest reserves ?
- (c) If so, where and what is the area of land and purpose for dereservation ?

Shri LALIT KUMAR DOLEY (Deputy Minister, Forests) replied :

773. (a)—Yes.

(b)—No.

(c)—Does not arise.

Re: Opening of Dalari and Saralani Forests for Cultivation**Shri LILA KANTA BORAH (Kaliabor)** asked :

774. Will the Minister for Forests be pleased to state—

- (a) How much of the cultivable lands in Dalari Juria and Saralani Forests within Lakhoa Game Sanctuary were thrown open for temporary settlement and with whom it was settled and for how long ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that after expiry of the period Government passed orders for settlement of the lands in Dalari Juria and Saralani Forests with Rupahi Co-operative Union only and if so, whether Government had obtained any report from the Divisional Forest Officer, Nowgong before passing such order ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that the Rupahi Co-operative Union had encroached upon more than four hundred bighas of the Forest land contiguous to the plot of land settled with the said society ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that there are number of representations from the local people against settlements in Saralani Forest ?
- (e) Whether Government are aware that due to throwing open for settlement of this forest area the rhinos and wild buffaloes of the Game Sanctuary are moving about for shelter and causing great damage to crops and panic to the villagers in the neighbouring villages ?
- (f) Whether it is a fact that the Divisional Forest Officer, Nowgong had strongly opposed settlement of land in this forest in the best interest of the Game Sanctuary ?
- (g) Whether Government will be pleased to lay a copy of the report of the Divisional Forest Officer on the Library Table ?
- (h) What steps Government had decided to take, in view of the report of the Divisional Forest Officer, the illegal activities of the Rupahi Co-operative Union and the representations of the local people against settlement ?

Shri LALIT KUMAR DOLEY (Deputy Minister, Forests) replied :

774. (a) to (h)—Information is called for.

*Re: Deroi Forest Reserve in Sibsagar***Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH (Amguri)** asked :

775. Will the Minister, Forests be pleased to state—

- (a) The total area of the Deroi Forest Reserve of Sibsagar Sub-division ?
- (b) The total receipt and expenditure of this Reserve per year since the beginning of the 2nd Plan ?
- (c) What valuable timbers are there ?
- (d) The number of valuable trees of about 3 feet girth in that Reserve ?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that many roads for vehicles are made through by the Oil Company in search of crude oil ?
- (f) The total area de-reserved so far and the number of families settled there ?
- (g) Whether it is a fact that in the Deoghoria, Chatimari, Baotoli Jelukarj, etc., pathars of the Deroi Reserve there is not a single valuable tree ?
- (h) Whether it is a fact that these pathars are very suitable for paddy cultivation ?
- (i) If so, why these pathars are not deserved and settled with the landless peasants ?

Shri LALIT KUMAR DOLEY (Deputy Minister, Forests) replied :

775. (a) to (i)—Information is called for.

*Re: Landless people of Kamrup and Goalpara Districts***Shri HALADHAR UZIR [Tamaipur (Reserved for Schedule Tribes)]** asked :

776. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government is aware that a number of landless people of Sorbhog and other Parts of Kamrup and Goalpara Districts mostly Tribal and ex-tea garden labourers have been occupying land and cultivating there in Subankhata Bhogpara Professional Grazing Reserve in Madhya Baska Mouza under Tihu Circle since a long time ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that Gauhati Land Settlement Advisory Committee proposed in December 1960, to de-reserve some 4500 bighas of land out of that Professional Grazing Reserve ?
- (c) Whether Government approves that proposal and propose to give settlement to those settlers ?

- (d) If so, how long it will take ?
- (e) If not, why not ?
- (f) Whether it is a fact that some families coming from outside Assam had settled in that P.G.R. in 1958?
- (g) Whether it is a fact that Government have removed them from there and gave settlement elsewhere in some other Reserve in Kamrup District?
- h) If so, what is the number of such families and in what Reserve they were given settlement?
- (i) Whether it is a fact that people of other classes also have been occupying this P.G.R. other than Tribal and ex-tea garden labourers?
- (j) Whether Government is aware that this P.G.R. is situated in the Tribal Belt and Block Area ?
- (k) If so, whether the Government is following the Tribal Belt and Block Provision ?
- (l) If not, why not ?
- (m) Whether Government decided to evict those settlers, inspite of the proposal taken by the Land Settlement Advisory Committee, Gauhati ?
- (n) If so, why ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Minister of State, Revenue) replied :

776. (a) —Information is being collected from the Local Officers.

(b) —Yes.

(c) —No.

(d) —Does not arise.

(e) —Government did not approve dereservation of the area in spite of Land Settlement Advisory Committees recommendation as the area falls within a tribal belt. Government have however instructed the Deputy Commissioner that if the number of landless people who are entitled to get settlement at Tribal Belt is very high and dereservation of some land is necessary, the matter may be put up before the Land Settlement Advisory Committee.

(f) —Yes.

(g) —Yes.

(h)—Government have already ordered to settle 1000 Bighas of land in Malaibari P. G. R. with 165 displaced families. The possession of the land has since been delivered to the aforesaid 165 families by evicting the underserving persons. But the land in question could not be finally settled due to the stay order passed by the Assam Board of Revenue on an appeal filed before them.

(i)—As stated in question No. (a).

(j)—Yes.

(k)—Yes.

(l)—Does not arise.

(m)—Yes.

(n)—Government cannot allow encroachment on reserved land.

Re: Allotment of lands to the people of Bahiya Reserve

Shri MAHADEB DAS [Bhabanipur (Reserved for Schedule Castes)] asked :

777. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue, be pleased to state—
- When the people who are allotted land at Bahiya Reserve in Barpeta Subdivision will be given possession of their lands ?
 - Why this issue is pending since 1944 ?
 - When this issue will be finalised ?
 - How many people have been provided with lands there ?
 - How many times this issue was placed before the Land Settlement Advisory Committee ?
 - What was the decision of the Land Settlement Advisory Committee ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Minister of State, Revenue) replied :

777. (a)&(b)—There is no reserve called "Bahiya" in Barpeta Subdivision. Presumably the area in question is "Baisa". This is Sarkari land and not a reserve. The area is under encroachment. Steps have been taken to evict the un-deserving encroachers. Settlement and possession will be given after removing encroachment.

(c)—It is expected to finalise the matter by the next winter season.

(d)—None has been provided as yet with lands in Baisa.

(e)—Three times.

(f)—The decision of the Land Settlement Advisory Committee was that 125 bighas of land be allotted to 26 Muslim families not exceeding 5 bighas each and the rest of the lands available for settlement should be equally divided among the other allottees of the list prepared by the Assistant Settlement Officer, Barpeta.

Re: Flood affected and landless families in Symabari mauza

Shri MATLEBUDDIN (Dalgaon) asked:

778. Will the Minister, Revenue be pleased to state—

- (a) What is the total number of flood and erosion affected landless families within the Symabari and Syalmari mauzas?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that a large number of flood and erosion affected families have long since been settling in the Chapari areas of the Brahmaputra river and have got land settlement as yet?
- (c) How long these flood and erosion affected families have been living as encroachers in the P. G. Rs. and V. G. Rs. under the Symabari and Rangamati Mouzas?
- (d) Whether Government have settled any land with the flood and erosion affected families under the Shyalmari, Symabari and Rangamati Mauzas? (a list of the settled families with area of land given to each family may kindly be given).
- (e) If not, why?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Minister of State, Revenue) replied

778. (a)—850 (Approximately).

(b)—Yes. At present there are about 400 families squatting in the P.G.Rs. near the Brahmaputra. Many of the flood and erosion affected families left for Dhekiajuli, Naduar or Kalaigaon Circles.

(c)—These families began encroachment in these P.G. Rs. since 1954.—

(d)—Some deserving families were directed to take settlement of land in Sonajuli-Kalikhola area of Kalaigaon Circle and in Kharpari Chapari of Rangamati Mouza but they did not shift to those places.

(e) Settlement of land was not possible due to the unwillingness of the encroachers to shift to the places referred to in 3 (d) above.

Re: Unauthorised occupation.

Shri MATLEBUDDIN (Dalgaon) asked:

779. Will the Revenue Minister be pleased to state.—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that an area of five hundred bighas of land has been under unauthorised occupation in the villages.

1. Alisinga, 2. Bechimari, 3. Asisinga Jangal and 4. Gandapukuri in the Dalgaon east and west Mauzas?

- (b) If so, from when and by whom ?
- (c) Whether these unauthorised occupants are landless ?
- (d) If the answer is in the affirmative, why they have not yet been settled with the land they have been occupying ?
- (e) Whether Government propose to expedite the settlement of the aforesaid five hundred bighas of land with landless deserving families under the Dalgaon Constituency ?

Shri RADHIHA RAM DAS (Minister of State Revenue) replied:

779. (a)—Yes.

(b) The unauthorised occupation by some immigrants started since after 1948.

(c) This is being enquired into.

(d) About 1000 bighas of land in these villages was settled with immigrants who deserved settlement as per decision of the Land Settlement Advisory Committee. The remaining 500 bighas were kept reserved for Scheduled Caste people as decided by the said Committee. Hence settlement was not given to the unauthorised occupants. The whole question was enquired into by a Senior E.A.C. in 1958 and deserving occupants were given settlement outside the said reserved area in a planned manner by the E.A.C. with the approval of the Land Settlement Advisory Committee.

(e)—Some Scheduled Caste allottees are reported to have registered a Co-operative Society. Any area left after giving settlement of a proportionate area to this Society will be settled with other Scheduled Castes people or others. If the deserving landless families under the Dalgaon Constituency belong to Scheduled Castes, then their cases may be considered by the Land Settlement Advisory Committee but not otherwise provided some of the approved allottees do not like to take settlement of the land.

Re: Unauthorised occupation in P.G. Rs. and V.G. Rs.

Shri MATLEBUDDIN (Dalgaon) asked:

780. Will the Revenue Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that a large number of P. G. Rs. and V. G. Rs. with the area of unauthorised occupation in the Mangaldai Subdivision ?
- (b) If the answer is in the affirmative, whether the Government will lay on the table a list of P. G. Rs. and V. G. Rs. with the area of unauthorised occupation ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that some P. G. Rs. and V. G. Rs. under encroachment have been dereserved and settled with the deserving landless people within the subdivision from 1957 onward ?
- (d) If so, what are those P. G. Rs. and V. G. Rs. and what is the total number of such settlers ? (a list of the P. G. Rs. and V. G. Rs. with the area of land settled within the subdivision may kindly be given).

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Minister of State, Revenue) replied

780. (a)—There are some such P. G. Rs. and V. G. Rs.

(b)—A list is placed on the Library Table.

(c)—Yes. But formal settlement has not yet been given.

(d) 1. Dolaipara P. G. R.—1000 bighas for 1300 encroachers.

2. Gerimari V. G. R—15 bighas for 15 encroachers.

3. Fakirpara V. G. R.—27B—2K—10L for erosion affected people and one L. P. School. The number of persons to be settled have not yet been decided.

Re: Wrongful encroachment of lands

Shri SARAT CHANDRA GOSWAMI (Kamalpur) asked :

781. Will the Revenue Minister be pleased to state—

(a) What is the total area of land in the State under wrongful encroachment in ?

(i) Professional grazing reserves;

(ii) Village grazing reserves;

(iii) Government waste land; and in

(iv) Forest reserves ?

(b) What is the break up of the total encroached lands of each of the above categories in each Subdivision of the State at present ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Minister of State, Revenue) replied :

781. (a) & (b)—Information has been called for from the Local Officers.

Re: Eviction of persons for wrongful encroachment

Shri SARAT CHANDRA GOSWAMI (Kamalpur) asked :

782. Will the Revenue Minister be pleased to state—

(a) How many persons have been evicted for wrongful encroachment and unauthorised occupation in the years 1957 to 1961 in the State and what total amount of land has been freed from encroachments and unauthorised occupation during these years from

(i) Professional grazing reserves ;

(ii) Village grazing reserves;

(iii) Government waste land; and

(iv) Forest reserves ?

(b) How many cases have been instituted against persons for reoccupying the lands for fresh encroachment from which they were evicted ?

(c) How many persons have been given planned settlement in the lands freed from encroachments ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Minister of State, Revenue) replied.

782. (a), (b) & (c)—Information has been called for from the Local Officers.

Re: Ownership of Kulshi River

Shri HARENDRA NATH TALUKDAR (Rampur) asked :

783. Will the Minister, Revenue be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that the River Kulshi in the South Kamrup is owned by some individuals ?
- (b) If so, who is that owner ?
- (c) From which date he got the ownership ?
- (d) What are the reasons for this ownership ?
- (e) Whether Government are aware that the local people are facing difficulties for this ?
- (f) If so, whether the Government propose to remove these difficulties ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Minister of State, Revenue) replied.

783. (a) & (b)—One portion of the Kulshi River between Kaimari to Chaygaon covering a distance of about three miles falls within the Nisf-Khiraj patta land held by Shri Hareswar Goswami Ex-M.L.A. and his brothers. Another portion from Kukurmara to Satpokheli village covering a distance of about two miles is claimed to be within the Lakheraj Patta land held by the Daloi of Kamakhya temple. Further enquiry in this respect is being made.

(c), (d), (e) & (f)—These are being enquired into.

Re: Damage of Crops by hail storm in Gossaigaon Area

Shri MATHIUS TUDU (Gossaigaon) asked :

784. Will the Minister-in-charge of Agriculture be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government is aware that a great damage to the crops like jute and Ahu paddy has been done by a recent hail storm in Gossaigaon Anchalik Panchayat area ?
- (b) If so, what steps are the Government taking to help the farmers ?

Shri MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister of Agriculture) replied :

784. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Deputy Commissioner was apprised of the damage for necessary relief measures.

Re: Demarcation of Boundary between Tezpur and Nowgong**Shri BISWADEV SARMA (Balipara)** asked :

785. Will the Minister of Revenue be pleased to state—

- (a) When the boundary commission was set up to demarcate the boundary between Tezpur and Nowgong near Bura-Chapari P. G. R. ?
- (b) What the amount of expenditure made on this account ?
- (c) What is the result of the Boundary Commission ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that inspite of the Boundary Commission, Government is spending money every year for eviction of encroachers on the P. G. R. ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Minister of State, Revenue) replied :

785. (a)—In the month of March, 1952.

(b)—Rupees 738 approximately so far as collected. Further information called for.

(c)—The Boundary Committee recommended that the south high bank of the Brahmaputra River should be declared as the common boundary between Darrang and Nowgong Districts.

(d)—Yes. Encroachers from Professional Grazing Reserves will have to be evicted irrespective of whether the Professional Grazing Reserve is in the Nowgong or Darrang District.

Re: Amount paid to different Marketing Co-operatives**Shri MOHANANDA BORA (Bihpuria)** asked :

786. Will the Minister-in-charge of Co-operative be pleased to state—

- (a) What amount has been paid till now to different Marketing Co-operatives for construction of godowns to each and what amounts have been paid as subsidy to all those societies (to each of them) ?
- (b) How many of them have constructed godowns as specified by Government and who passed the bills of those buildings for payment to contractors ?
- (c) Whether there is any discrimination in allowing the grants ?
- (d) If not, what is the cause of some buildings being bigger and better than the rest ?
- (e) Whether Government will get the building accounts and cost of the godowns of the Marketing societies of North Lakhimpur examined by experts ?

Shri LALIT KUMAR DOLEY (Deputy Minister, Co-operation) replied :

786. (a)—A total amount of Rs.23,10,000 has been paid to each of 114 different marketing co-operatives at Rs.15,000 as loan and at Rs.5,000 as subsidy including Rs.37,500 as loan and Rs.12,500 as subsidy for construction of one godown of the Assam Co-operative Apex Marketing Society among others.

(b)—90 godowns out of 114 have since been completed. The Secretary or the Chairman of the Society concerned makes payments.

(c)—No.

(d)—Though the amounts given for construction of godowns are of uniform rates, their size may vary according to local conditions.

(e)—No.

Re: Service of Shri Janardan Changkakoty in Jorhat Deputy Registrar's Office

Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI (Titabar) asked :

787. Will the Minister-in-charge of Co-operative be pleased to state—

- (a) How many years Shri Janardan Changkakoty, Upper Division Assistant, Zonal Deputy Registrar's Office, Jorhat, has served the Department from the time of his first entry into the Department ?
- (b) What is the position of seniority of Shri Jogeswar Borkotoky, Head Assistant of the above-mentioned Office ?
- (c) When Shri Janardan Changkakoty was promoted to the post of Upper Division Assistant :
- (d) Whether it is a fact that Shri Jogeswar Borkotoky obtained the post of the Head Assistant while he was as Lower Division Assistant in the same Department ?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that Shri Janardan Changkakoty was a permanent employee and Shri Jogeswar Borkotoky was in the temporary employment ?
- (f) Whether it is a fact that Shri Janardan Changkakoty is senior by ten years to Shri Jogeswar Borkotoky ?
- (g) Whether it is a case of supersession ?
- (h) Whether it is a fact that Shri Janardan Changkakoty submitted a petition praying to do justice to him and sent reminder many times ?
- (i) What action was taken and whether any reply was sent to him by the Department ?

Shri LALIT KUMAR DOLEY (Deputy Minister, Co-operation) replied.

787. (a)—Seventeen years, *i.e.*, with effect from 2nd January 1945 to 26th July 1960.

(b)—Shri Jogeswar Borkotoky was appointed as Lower Division Assistant in the office of Assistant Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Jorhat on 17th January 1954. Shri Changkakoty was appointed as Lower Division Assistant in the office of the Senior Inspector of the Co-operative Societies on 2nd January 1945. Since the offices of the Zonal Deputy Registrar of Co-operative Societies and the Senior Inspector of Co-operative Societies were not treated as amalgamated office the question of seniority between the two Assistants does not arise.

(c)—Shri Janardan Changkakoty, was appointed as Upper Division Assistant in the office of the Zonal Deputy Registrar of Co-operative Societies on 3rd August 1960 after a selection test in which he appeared along with many other candidates and as such his appointment was not a case of promotion but direct recruitment.

(d)—Shri Jogeswar Borkotoky, Lower Division Assistant was appointed as Head Assistant in the Zonal Deputy Registrar of Co-operative Societies's Office and there was only one Upper Division Assistant candidate from amongst the applicants for the post, who was not found qualified for the post.

(e)—Shri Janardan Changkakoty is a permanent employee in the office of the Inspector of Co-operative Societies, Sibsagar. Shri Janardan Borkotoky is a temporary Lower Division Assistant in the office of the Assistant Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Jorhat with six years experience and officiated as Upper Division Assistant in the Assistant Registrar's Co-operative Societies's office.

(f) Answer as question No. (b).

(g)—No.

(h)—Yes.

(i)—Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Assam rejected the appeal of Shri Janardan Changkakoty and a reply was duly sent to him, *vide* his No.CE.157/60/99, dated 19th July 1962. The appeal before the Government is under consideration.

Re: Recurring and Non-recurring Grants of Barpeta Municipality

Shri MAHADEB DAS [Bhabanipur (Reserved for Scheduled Castes)] asked :

788. Will the Minister incharge of Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) Whether recurring and non-recurring grants are given to the Municipal authority of Barpeta ?

(b) If so, what is the amount of grant so given during the last five years ?

(c) Whether Government is aware that the present grant is not sufficient for improvement and day to day functioning of the Municipality ?

(d) Whether there is any request from the said Municipal authority to sanction increased grants ?

(e) If so, whether Government propose to consider the prayer ?

Shri CHATRASING TERON (Minister, Local Self-Government) replied.

788. (a)—Yes.

(b)—A Statement is placed on the Library Table.

(c)—Government cannot meet the entire expenditure of a Municipal Board for its day-to-day functioning and its improvement works. The grants are not made to fully cover the entire expenditure that the Barpeta Municipal Board may incur for its development works and day-to-day functioning.

(d)—No.

(e)—Does not arise.

Re: The posts of Assistant Development Commissioner and Sub-divisional Planning Officers

Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI (Titabar) asked:

789. Will the Minister-in-charge of Panchayats and Community Development be pleased to state—

(a) Whether there was any advertisement calling applications for the posts of (1) Assistant Development Commissioners and (2) Subdivisional Planning Officers?

(b) If not, what was the reason?

(c) Whether the posts were filled up under Regulation 3 of the Assam Public Service Commission Regulation and will be regularised subsequently by the Public Service Commission?

(d) On what criteria these two categories of posts have been filled up?

(e) Whether there was any consideration of seniority, experience and past services of the Officers?

(f) What was the necessity of bringing some officers of the Development Department for being appointed as the Subdivisional Planning Officers in the Panchayat Department?

(g) Whether Government will consider in future the cases of Development Officers specially at the time of the appointment of the Zonal or the District or the Subdivisional Officers in the Panchayat Department?

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Deputy Minister, Panchayat, etc.) replied.

789. (a)—No.

(b)—As posts to be filled up by selection from amongst departmental Officers no advertisement was necessary.

(c)—No.

(d)—The selection is made on the basis of merit and suitability.

(e)—These factors are taken into account while determining suitability.

(f)—No Officer from the Development Department as such was made Subdivisional Planning Officer. The posts were filled up from A. C. S. II.

(g)—There is no post of Development Officer now.

Re: Tribal and Scheduled Castes Families in Randhonijan

Shri MAL CHANDRA PEGU [Majuli (Received for Scheduled Tribes)] asked;

790. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) The total number of Tribal and Scheduled Castes families of Randhonijan near Dhanjan in Parbatia Mouza, Jorhat Subdivision whose standing Ahu crops had been completely damaged by some non-tribal and non-scheduled castes people by letting loose their cattle (list of names of the persons affected to be shown) ?
- (b) When this incident took place ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that when the affected persons got the information that their standing Ahu crops would be damaged by the non-tribal and non-scheduled castes people, the affected people approached the present Deputy Commissioner at Jorhat Shri A. K. Roy for rendering necessary police help ?
- (d) If so, why the Deputy Commissioner did not render necessary police help then and there ?
- (e) On what date the Deputy Minister, Education Srimati Komol Kumari Barua went to the spot to see the sad plight of the affected persons ?
- (f) Whether it is a fact that three tribal families left Randhonijan out of fear of their life on the date when the Deputy Minister, Education had gone to the spot ?
- (g) Whether it is a fact that police was sent by the Deputy Commissioner after the Deputy Minister, Education had visited the spot ?
- (h) What is the total area of standing crops that were damaged ?
- (i) What is the total value of the crops so damaged ?
- (j) What relief has been rendered by Government to these affected persons ?
- (k) Whether the Deputy Commissioner has made arrangement to bring back the three tribal families who had left Randhonijan out of fear ?
- (l) What step the Deputy Commissioner has taken now for maintaining law and order at Randhonijan ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

790. (a)—(b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i) (j), (k) and (l)—Materials are being collected.

Re: Relief given to the Naga raid affected families

Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI (Titabar) asked :

791. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) What sort and how much relief have been given to the Naga raid affected families ?
- (b) Whether Government given them adequate relief so that they can live on as before ?
- (c) What sort of relief has been granted to those persons whose gun have been looted by the Nagas ?
- (d) How many guns have been looted from the Border Villagers of the Naga Hills and what relief has been given to them ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

791. (a)—A total amount of Rs.2,81,375 was given as relief to the families affected by Naga raids. The relief was given in cash as well as in kind as gratuitous relief and rehabilitation grant.

(b)—Relief given so far is considered adequate.

(c)—No relief has been considered necessary for the theft of guns by Naga hostiles.

(d)—60 Nos.

Re : Granting of Scholarship to Scheduled Caste Students

Shri SIBA PRASAD SARMA (Mangaldai) asked :

792. Will the Minister, Education be pleased to state—

- (a) The amount of scholarship money granted for the students belonging to the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes communities as well as poor scholarships during the year 1961-62 (To be shown community and subdivision-wise) in Assam ?
- (b) The number of students availing such scholarships in each subdivision and the rate of these scholarships ?

Shri CHATRASING TERON (Minister, Tribal Areas, etc.)
replied :

792.—(a) During 1961-62 the amounts of special scholarships granted to Scheduled Tribes/Scheduled Castes, Other Backward Classes students and to the poor students belonging to communities other than the Backward Classes are as follows:—

		Pre-matric scholarship	Post-matric scholarships
		Rs.	Rs. nP.
(A) Scheduled Castes		1,60,000	4,49,073.32
(B) Plains Tribals		1,80,000	4,39,375.40
(C) Hills Tribals		2,18,000	8,14,033.05
(D) Other Backward Classes		2,90,000	14,00,806.15
(E) Communities other than the above		70,560	73,720.00
Total ...		9,18,560	31,77,007.92

Grand Total: Rs. 40,95,567.92 nP.

The post-matric special scholarships are awarded to the students in any recognised college in India and the figures are therefore not available subdivision-wise or community-wise. The pre-matric special scholarships are distributed subdivision-wise. The figures community-wise are not maintained, but those subdivision-wise are given in the statements placed on the Library Table.

(b) The number of pre-matric special scholarships distributed subdivision-wise and the rates are incorporated in the statements referred to in reply to question (a).

Re: Area of Grazing Reserve under encroachment in Mankhowa Estate

Shri UPENDRA NATH SANATAN (Bogdung) asked :

793. Will the Minister, Revenue be pleased to state—

- What is the area of Grazing Reserve and other Sarkari land under encroachment of Mankhowa Estate in Doom Dooma Mauza, Dibrugarh Subdivision?
- Since when these lands are under encroachment?
- What action Government is taking for eviction?
- Whether Government is taking action to prevent encroachment by well to do persons on Grazing land or Sarkari land specially in Tinsukia Circle and Dibrugarh Eastern Circle of Lakhimpur District?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Minister of State, Revenue) replied :

793. (a)—An area of 6B-1K-4L of Sarkari waste land in Monkhowa village and another area of 4B-3K-16L of Sarkari waste land in Ethengiagaon have been encroached by the Monkhowa Tea Estate in Doom Dooma Mouza. No Grazing Reserve land has been encroached.

(b)—Since 1959.

(c)—Encroachment case has already been started.

(d)—All undeserving encroachers will be evicted after the proceedings are completed.

Re: Conversion of annual lands into periodic in Tezpur

Shri MOHI KANTA DAS (Barchalla) asked :

794. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) The number of applications received for conversion of annual lands into periodic in Tezpur Subdivision during the years 1960-61 and 1961-62 ?

(b) How many of these applications have been disposed of during the period ?

(c) The area of land converted into periodic during the above two years ?

(d) The total amount realised as premium for such conversion ?

(e) Whether it is a fact that a large number of cases is pending with the Government for disposal ?

(f) Whether Government propose to expedite disposal of those applications ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Minister of State, Revenue) replied :

794. (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) & (f)—Information has been called for from the Local Officer.

Re: Apex Co-operative Weaving Societies

Shrimati LILY SEN GUPTA (Lahowal) asked :

795. Will the Minister for Co-operation be pleased to state—

(a) How many Apex Co-operative Weaving Societies are functioning in the State with the names district-wise ?

(b) What was the total quantity of Madura Mills yarn imported to Assam from 1959-61 ?

(c) The district-wise distribution of the above named yarn ?

(d) What was the cost price per bundle ?

(e) What was the quantity in a bundle ?

Shri LALIT KUMAR DOLEY (Deputy Minister, Co-operation) replied :

795. (a)—Only one Apex Co-operative Weaving Society is functioning in the State of Assam. Location of the Society is Gauhati.

(b)—Total quantity of Madura Mills yarn imported to Assam from 1959-61 is 1485 bales.

(c)—District-wise distribution of Madura yarn is as shown below :—

Kamrup ...	...	...	...	...	Bales 579
Cachar	...	...	...	...	459
Goalpara ...	..	...	...	...	31
Shillong ...	...	...	...	..	4
Nowgong ..	...	...	...	...	201
Darrang ...	...	...	...	...	62
Lakhimpur..	...	...	...	...	24
Stock ...					1,361 bales. 124
Total ...					1,485 bales.

(d)—Cost price of yarn per bundle varies from time to time. The undernoted price count-wise is present price which includes freight, carrying and handling charges, L/C Commission, etc. Over and above 2 per cent commission is charged by the Apex Weavers Society towards meeting establishment charges of the society.

20s ...	...	...	...	...	Rs.nP. 24.00
22s ...	...	...	...	...	24.50
24s ...	...	...	..	...	25.34
26s ...	..	...	...	...	25.97
30s ...	...	...	...	...	27.69
32s ...	...	..	...	...	28.91
36s ...	...	...	...	..	31.12
40s ...	...	...	...	...	32.83
60s ...	...	...	...	...	52.14
80s ...	...	...	...	...	71.54
2/20s ...	...	...	...	...	27.25

The quantity per bundle of yarn:—

(1) 20s to 40s	...	...	...	10 lbs. per bundle.
(2) 60s to 80s	...	...	...	5 lbs. per bundle.

Re: Service Co-operatives

Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH (Amguri) asked :

796. Will the Minister, Co-operative be pleased to state—

- The number of Service Co-operative formed and registered in the State ?
- The number of Service Co-operatives which are actually operating ?
- The amount allotted to the Panchayat for construction of Godowns for utilisation by the Service Co-operatives ?
- Whether the amount has been utilised and construction have been made ?
- The name of the Panchayats to which the amount has been allotted and the amount granted to each of them ?

Shri LALIT KUMAR DOLEY (Deputy Minister, Co-operation) replied :

796. (a)—Two thousand, seven hundred and ninety-one.

(b)—Two thousand, six hundred and fifty-four.

(c)—An amount of Rs.5 lakhs was granted to Gaon Panchayats during the financial year 1960-61 for construction of godowns to be utilised by Service Co-operatives.

(d)—Some Panchayats could not utilise the amount fully due to lack of building materials. In some cases construction works have just started.

(e)—A sum of Rs.1,000 (Rupees one thousand) was granted to each of these 500 (five hundred) Gaon Panchayats. A list of Gaon Panchayats is laid on the Library table.

Re: Village Bank in Barpeta Subdivision

Shri MAHADEB DAS [Bhabanipur (Reserved for Scheduled Castes)] asked:

797. Will the Minister-in-charge of Co-operatives be pleased to state—

- How many village banks are there in Barpeta Subdivision ?
- How many village banks have been converted to Service Co-operatives there ?
- How many large-sized Co-operative Credit Societies are there in Barpeta Subdivision ?
- How many large-sized Co-operative Societies have been split up into Service Co-operative up till now in Barpeta Subdivision ?

Shri LALIT KUMAR DOLEY (Deputy Minister, Co-operation) replied:

797. (a)—There are 187 village banks in Barpeta Subdivision.

(b)—137 village banks have been converted into Service Co-operatives.

(c)—There are 11 large-sized credit societies in Barpeta Subdivision.

(d)—No large-sized Co-operative Societies have been split up into Service Co-operatives upto now in Barpeta Subdivision.

Re: Earthquake affected people in Dibrugarh

Srimati LILY SEN GUPTA (Lahowal) asked:

798. Will the Minister in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state —

(a) What was the total number of affected people in the last Earthquake in Dibrugarh Subdivision, i.e., in Sadiya, Saikhowa, Tengakhat, Rahmuria, Moran, Pikemahal, Lerua, Jamira and Dibrugarh Mouzas?

(b) What was the total number of people who were settled by the Government upto 1961?

(c) Whether Government will be pleased to furnish a list with names mouzas-wise?

(d) How many of them are still not settled?

(e) When they will be settled?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Minister of State for Revenue) replied.

798. (a)—The total number of families affected due to last great earthquake in Dibrugarh Subdivision was 10,481. Break-up figures are as follows.—

1. Dhemaji Mouza	...	..	}	4,000 families.
2. Sissi „	...	...		
3. Pikemahal „	...	...		
4. Sadiya „	...	...		2,172 „
5. Saikhowa „	...	...		1,199 „
6. Tengakhat „	...	...		110 „

7. Rohmorla	Mouza	...	...	} 3,000 families.
8. Dibrugarh	,,	...	...	
9. Larua	,,	...	...	} Not affected.
10. Jamira	,,	...	...	
11. Moran	,,	...	...	

(b)—The total number of families settled upto 1961 was 6,642.

(c)—Names of affected people mouza-wise are not available.

(d)—3,839 families have not yet been permanently settled although they have been provided with temporary settlement in Government Waste lands.

(e)—Government have already taken necessary steps for early settlement of these families.

Re: Fire affected families in Barpeta Subdivision

Sri MAHADEB DAS [Bhabanipur (Reserved for Scheduled Castes)] asked :

799. Will the Minister, Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) What is the total numbers of families affected by fire in Barpeta Subdivision in the year 1962 upto end of April ?

(b) The amount of relief granted to the persons whose houses were gutted by fire due to natural calamities ?

(c) How many of these families whose houses were gutted by fire due to natural calamities have been granted loans for their rehabilitation and temporary help from the Government ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Minister of State for Revenue) replied :

799. (a) About 300 families were affected by fire upto the end of April, 1962.

(b) & (c)—A sum of Rs. 1,920.87 nP. as Gratuitous relief and Rs. 77,50 as Rehabilitation loan were given to the fire affected families of Barpeta Subdivision. (These are the up-to-date figures).

Re: Government employees under Suspension

Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH (Amguri) asked :

800. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) The number of Government officials or employees kept under suspension till now ?
- (b) How long they are kept under suspension ?
- (c) In how many cases departmental proceedings have been drawn ?
- (d) How long these proceedings are kept pending and what are the reasons for not disposing the cases as early as possible ?
- (e) Whether Government propose to make a time-limit for disposing the suspension cases against which departmental proceedings are drawn ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

800. (a)—476.

(b)—The period varies from case to case as shown below:—

229 Officers for about 3 months.

71 officers for 6 months or so.

176 officers for 1 year or more.

(c)—In 321 cases.

(d)—The period the proceedings have been pending and the reasons for not disposing the cases early are given below:—

185 cases have been recently started, 58 cases are pending for about 6 months or so ; and 78 cases are pending for a year or more.

The departmental proceedings are quasi-judicial in nature and are to conform strictly to rules and prescribed procedure. This is the main cause of delay in disposal of the proceedings. When a criminal case on the same matter is pending in a Court of Law, the departmental proceedings are kept pending till disposal of the criminal case.

(e)—Instructions have been issued to dispose of departmental proceedings within 3 months as far as practicable.

Re : Seniority of some Ministerial Officers in Assam Secretariat

Shri DULAL CHANDRA BARUA (Jorhat) asked :

801. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) What were the circumstances under which Government in 1958 put 73 pretty senior Ministerial officers of the Assam Secretariat below 112 position from their original positions in the list of seniority in the name of refixation of seniority after more than 14 years of their services ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that the seniority of the Ministerial officers who were confirmed under the State Government's order No S.150/51, dated 29th May, 1962 were permanently fixed?
- (c) Whether any condition whatsoever was imposed on the fixation of seniority of Ministerial officers confirmed under the order referred to at (b) above ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that those 73 persons who were stated to go some what down from 30 to 112 position down from their original position ?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that the State Government gave assurance on the floor of the Assembly and in Government's Memo. No ABP.212/56/112, dated 27th January, 1959 that the (Government) will rectify the mistakes if any in implementing the decision, i. e., principles on the basis of which was refixed after 14 years ?
- (f) Whether it is a fact that the number of petitions challenging the validity of order regarding refixation of seniority are lying with the Government for more than a year even without giving an interim reply ?
- (g) If so, the name of such applicants with their date of petition which are not yet disposed of stating the reason therefor, against each petition ?
- (h) Whether Government propose to set up a Board or a Tribunal to look into the whole affair ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

801. (a)—The circumstances in which the seniority of some Ministerial officers was refixed in 1959 have been fully stated by the Finance Minister on the floor of the House on 21st March 1959 during the debate in connection with grant "No. 11, 25—G. A.". The hon. Member's attention is invited to this statement.

(b)—No.

(c)—Does not arise.

(d).—Yes.

(e)—Government's Memo. No.ABP.212/56/112 (a), dated 27th January 1959 states that any mistake or error in fixing the position of any individual on the basis of the principles laid down therein may be pointed out for necessary action. This refer to clerical mistakes only and not to the principles of fixation of seniority.

In the floor of the House on 8th April 1959, Government assured that "Representations against error in applying the relevant principles are being entertained". There was no question of revision of these principles at any time.

(f) — No.

(g) — Does not arise.

(h) — No.

Re: Disposal of pending proceedings

Shri LAKSHMI PRASAD GOSWAMI (Laharighat) asked :

802. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) The number of cases of departmental proceedings pending for disposal in the different departments of the Government of Assam ?
- (b) The grounds on which each of these proceedings were started and the date of starting proceedings against each of them ?
- (c) What is the number of appeals against the departmental proceedings pending in different departments of the Government ?
- (d) Who are these appellants ?
- (e) How long each of these appeals is pending ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

802 (a) to (e)—Information is being collected.

Re: Government shares in Industrial Projects

Shri SARAT CHANDRA GOSWAMI (Kamalpur) asked :

803. Will the Minister-in-charge of Industries be pleased to state—

- (a) What are the Industrial projects established in the State in which the Government of Assam have taken shares ?
- (b) What is the total amount invested in each of these industries established in the State ?
- (c) What are the conditions under which Government have purchased shares in each of these industries ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

803. (a) —1. The projects which have been established and in which Government have taken shares are :—

(i) Associated Industries (Assam) Limited.

(ii) India Carbon Ltd.

(iii) Assam Tanneries Ltd.

(iv) Assam Chemical and Pharmaceutical Ltd.

(v) Assam Saw Mills and Timber Co. Ltd.

(vi) Assam Spun Silk Mills Ltd.

2. The projects which are being established and in which the Government have decided to purchase shares and paid part of share money are:—

- (i) Assam Cements Ltd.
- (ii) Assam Hard Boards Ltd.
- (iii) Assam Bone Mills Ltd.

3. The projects in which the Government have decided to participate but no share money paid as yet are:—

- (i) Assam Tubes Ltd., (being established).
- (ii) Indian Refinerles Ltd.

Besides, proposal for purchase of preference shares for Rs.10 lakhs in a Fruit Preservation Unit to be established in Cachar is under consideration of the Agriculture Department.

(b)—1. Proposed and up-to-date investment in different industries are:—

- (i) Associated Industries (Assam) Ltd.

Preference shares Rs.15 lakhs and Equity shares Rs.8,19,500 paid in full.

- (ii) India Carbon Ltd.

Preference shares Rs.10 lakhs paid in full.

- (iii) Assam Tanneries Ltd.

Equity shares Rs.1,27,000 paid in full.

- (iv) Assam Chemical and Pharmaceutical Ltd.

Equity shares Rs.60,000 of which Rs.36,000 paid already.

- (v) Assam Saw Mill and Timber Co. Ltd.

Equity shares Rs.5 lakhs paid in full.

- (vi) Assam Spun Silk Mills Ltd.

Equity shares Rs.49.9 lakhs and loan Rs.10 lakhs paid in full.

- 2. (i) Assam Cements Ltd.

Equity shares Rs.15 lakhs of which Rs.13.75 lakhs paid.

- (ii) Assam Hard Boards Ltd.

Preference shares Rs.5 lakhs of which Rs.2.5 lakhs paid

- (iii) Assam Bone Mills Ltd.

Preference shares Rs.25,000 of which Rs.15,375 paid.

3. (i) Assam Tubes Ltd.

Preference shares for Rs.10 lakhs proposed to be purchased.

(ii) Indian Refineries Ltd.

The Government of India have offered equity shares upto the extent of 15 per cent of the equity capital of Rs.8.85 crores of the Company.

(c)—A statement showing terms and conditions of participation is placed on the Library Table.

Re: Extension of Service after Superannuation

Shri HARENDRANATH TALUKDAR (Rampur) asked :

804. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) Names of Heads of Departments allowed to continue in service after the age of superannuation in the same Department from 1957-58 to date either by extension of the tenure of office or re-employment and the period of re-employment or extension in each case ?
- (b) Reasons for extension or re-employment as the case may be in each case ?
- (c) Extra expenditure, if any, incurred by such extension or re-employment ?
- (d) Whether the posts of the Heads of Departments concerned could have been filled up by the promoting officers from the departmental cadre ?
- (e) If not, why such post could not be filled up after proper advertisement ?
- (f) Whether possible discontent and its repercussions in the service concerned arising from denial of promotion to departmental officers was taken into consideration by the competent authority ?
- (g) The competent authority to decide upon cases of extension or re-employment ?
- (h) Whether any principle has been adopted by the Government in classifying departments as technical and non-technical for the purpose of extending the age-limit of superannuation ?
- (i) If so, what limit has been fixed in the case of technical department ?
- (j) The criterion of classifying departments as technical and non-technical ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

804. (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) & (f)—A Statement is laid on the Table.

List of Heads of Departments allowed to continue in service

Name	Period of re-employment or extension	Reasons for extension or re-employment
1	2	3
Shri P. N. Deb Goswami, Ex-Secretary A.P.S.C.	1st Nov. 1961 to 21st May 1962.	In order to enable the A.P.S.C. to finalise the proceedings drawn up against him as he was found responsible for serious financial irregularities including misappropriation of a substantial sum of money while he was in service.
Shri A. B. Das Gupta, I.A.S., Chief Electoral Officer.	1st Oct. 1961 to 31st Mar. 1962.	Government have had under consideration the question of appointment of a successor in his place. But as Shri Das Gupta attained the age of superannuation just before the General Elections, it was considered desirable to retain him in service for the smooth running of the Election and for completion of compilation of Statistics and report in that connection.
Shri H. Hussain, I.P.S. Inspector General of Police.	16th Feb. 1962 to 15th May 1962.	Government have had under consideration the question of appointment of a successor in his place. As Shri Hussain's term expired just before the General Elections, it was considered that it would not be desirable to make a change at that crucial time. The arrangement in connection with the Elections must be under the control of a person who has been dealing with these problems and any dislocation at that stage would have caused undesirable complications.
		In the public interest it was considered necessary that Law and Order situation arising out of the Elections and as an aftermath to them should be tackled by the person who has been dealing with them. It would have been unwise to break the continuity at the stage.

after the age of superannuation in the same Department

Extra expenditure incurred	Whether the post could have been filled up by promoting officers of the Departmental cadre.	Reasons for not filling up the post by proper advertisement if it could have been filled up as such.	Whether possible discontent and its repercussions in the service concerned arising from denial of promotion to departmental officers was taken into consideration.	Remarks
4	5	6	7	8
Rs. nP.				
2,106.76	Does not arise as the officer was placed under suspension from the date he attained the age of superannuation and the post filled up by promotion.	Does not arise.	Does not arise	Services extended.
Nil	Yes. This was not done for reasons stated in column 3.	Does not arise.	Yes. This was duly taken into consideration consistent with the exigencies of public service.	Re-employed.
Nil	Yes .	—	..	..
		Does not arise.	Yes. This was duly taken into consideration consistent with the exigencies of public service.	Services extended.

List of Heads of Departments allowed to continue in service

Name	Period of re-employment or extension	Reasons for extension or re-employment
1	2	3
Shri M. C. Jacob, I.F.S., Chief Conservator of Forests.	One year with effect from 8th May 1962.	For smooth running of the increased develop- ment works under the Department taken during Third Five Year Plan period and in the interest of Public Service. The Department felt it necessary to utilise his past experience.
Late Dr. U. C. Bordoloi, Director of Health Ser- vices.	1st Jan. 1957 to 31st Dec. 1959.	It was considered necessary that to imple- ment the amalgamation of the Medical and Public Health Departments proposed and accepted by them, and also to imple- ment the various Health Schemes under Five Year Plan, the services of an experienced administrator had to utilised. Late Dr. Bordoloi had not only studied and experimented the amalgamation at the top but had acquired sufficient experience of the two Departments to give a start to amalga- mation at the lower levels. In considera- tion of his capability, Late Dr. Bordoloi was re-employed.
Shri A. Z. Ahmed (Retd.) C. E., Director of Inland Water Transport.	1st June 1960 to 30th Sept. 1962.	For want of suitable Technical person.
Shri G. N. Dutta, (Retd.) C. E., Director of Hous- ing.	14th Dec. 1955 to 10th Sept. 1959.	Do do.
Shri M. C. Choudhury, (Retd.) Addl. C. E., Director of Housing cum- Chairman of the Housing Board.	4th Dec. 1960 to 2nd July 1962.	Do do
Shri Bhuvan Ch. Dutta, Registrar, Assam High Court, Gauhati.	1st July 1953 to 30th June 1959.	Due to dearth of suitable judicial officers, was re-employed.
Shri Durga Nath Hazarika, Registrar, Assam High Court, Gauhati.	6th Dec. 1960 to 5th Dec. 1962.	Do do.

after the age of superannuation in the same Department—*concl'd.*

Extra expenditure incurred	Whether the post could have been filled up by promoting officers of the Departmental cadre.	Reasons for not filling up the post by proper advertisement if it could have been filled up as such.	Whether possible discontent and its repercussions in the service concerned arising from denial of promotion to departmental officers was taken into consideration.	Remarks
4	5	6	7	8
Rs. nP. 11,000-00 (roughly) annually.	Yes. But the officers immediate junior to Shri Jacob have got sufficient years of service, it was viewed that they will not be affected much if the services of Shri Jacob who is an I. F. S. Officer is retained for one year or so. He has therefore been re-employed on the basis of seniority-cum-merit.	Does not arise.	Yes. This was duly taken into consideration as stated in column. 5.	Re-employed.
Nil	No	For the reasons stated in column 3.	Does not arise as the mode of recruitment to the post was not by promotion but by direct recruitment through the A.P.S.C.	Re-employed.
Nil	Does not arise this is a new Department.	No candidate was available even after advertisement.	Does not arise	Re-employed.
Nil	No	Do	Do	Do.
Nil	No	Do	Do	Do.
Yes ..		Does not arise.	Yes. This was taken into consideration. But the post could not be filled up by promotion.	Services extend Re-employed.
Nil		Do	Do	Do
Nil				

(g)—Chief Minister in respect of non-gazetted officers and Government in the Cabinet in respect of gazetted officers. As regards the staff of the Assam Public Service Commission, the Commission, may re-employ or extend the services of the officers under them with the approval of the Governor under Regulation 14(b) of the Assam Public Service Commission's Regulation.

(h)—No. But Government have so far recognised the Engineers, Overseers, Draftsman, Surveyors, Computers and Doctors both Medical and Veterinary serving under various Departments as technical personnel. But Government have not taken any decision for raising the age of superannuation in favour of any categories of officers.

(i)—Does not arise.

(j)—Government have not specified any general criteria for the purpose of classifying Departments as technical and non-technical.

Re: The Term "Jangi-Inam"

Shri TAJUDDIN AHMED (Tarabari) asked :

805. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) What is the definition of the term "Jangi-Inam" and "Mentioned in Despatches" awarded in the last World War II ?
- (b) Who are the persons awarded with above distinctions in Assam and now serving in Government departments ?
- (c) In what services the above persons were appointed and in what capacities they are serving now ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that some persons who were serving in different capacities temporarily during the World War II were appointed as S. D. C. temporarily ?
- (e) If so, what are their names and in what capacities they are serving now ?
- (f) Whether it is also a fact that some of them have been confirmed against the posts ?
- (g) Whether it is a fact that a person having "Distinguished war records and who was awarded Jangi-Inam" and "mentioned in despatches" and later on appointed as Base Superintendent in N.E.F.A. is serving in the Supply Department now ?
- (h) If so, who is that person and under what capacity he is serving in the Supply Department now ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied:

805. (a)—Jangi-Inām is an award given to Junior Commissioned Officers and other ranks of the Army for distinguished service. The award carries with it a cash payment to the recipient for his life ; and in the event of his death to his wife or son/daughter. "Mentioned in Despatches" is a report of commendation submitted by a superior officer to higher authorities for particular acts of gallantry, valour, etc.

(b)—Only one officer, Shri Habibur Rahman Mazumdar (who is now serving under the State Government) received this award.

(c)—The said Shri Habibur Rahman Mazumdar was appointed as Inspector, Supply, in which capacity he is still serving.

(d)—No.

(e) & (f)—Do not arise.

(g)—Yes.

(h)—Please refer to replies to (b) and (c) above.

Re: Changa State Dispensary

Shri MAHADEB DAS [Bhabanipur (Reserved for Scheduled Castes)] asked :

806. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that the Changa State Dispensary in the Barpeta Subdivision was taken over from the Local Board many years ago, but no repairing work has been made of the dispensary building ?

(b) Whether Government is aware that the building in question is gradually going from bad to worse ?

(c) Whether Government is going to repair the doctor khana building, Compounders' and nurse's quarters within a short period ?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister-in-charge of Medical) replied :

806. (a)—Changa Dispensary was taken over by Government from Local Board on 1st April, 1959. Necessary repairs of Dispensary and staff quarters were made departmentally during 1961-62.

(b)—No.

(c)—Please refer to the reply to the question (a) above. Whenever necessary repair works will be taken up.

Re: Starting of New State Dispensaries under the Third Five Year Plan

Shri MAHADEB [DAS [Bhabanipur (Reserved for Scheduled Castes)] asked :

807. Will the Minister-in-charge of Medical be pleased to state—

- (a) How many new State Dispensaries will be started during the Third Five Year Plan in each Subdivision of the State ?
- (b) How many dispensaries are running without Doctors in each Subdivision of the State ?
- (c) What is the total shortage of Doctors in the State ?
- (d) How many petitions from Doctors for appointments are pending in the office of the Director of Health Services till now ?
- (e) How long these petitions are lying in the said Office ?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister-in-charge of Medical) replied :

807. (a)—Not yet finally decided.

(b)—

Name of Subdivision

No. of Dispensaries without
Doctors (excluding P.H.
Unit, Block and Subsidised
Dispensaries)
Name of Dispensaries

1. North Lakhimpur

1. Baginodi.

2. Dibrugarh

2. Katetang and In-
them.

3. Sibsagar

Nil.

4. Jorhat

Nil.

5. Golaghat

2. Borhanchungi and
Ahotguri.

6. Nowgong

5. Udosi, Singamari,
Nijgerna, Ahom-
gaon and Kahena-
ti.
Nil.

7. Tezpur

8. Mangaldai

4. Majkuchi, Nam-
khola, Barnajhat
and Pauripata.

(c)—Assistant Surgeon I

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Assistant Surgeon II

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(d) & (e)—When applications received Doctors are appointed under regulation first against suitable vacancies. Sometimes there may be a few pending cases.

Re: Guiya State (Public Health) Dispensary in Kamrup District

Shri SARAT CHANDRA GOSWAMI (Kamalpur) asked :

808. Will the Medical Minister, be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that the Guiya State (Public Health) Dispensary in Kamrup district sanctioned by Government by Order No. VII-22A/80/39628-30 of 22nd November, 1960, was to be established during the financial year 1960-61 as was intimated by letter No.11-1/60/PH/21268 of 8th December, 1960 ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that the public donated the land and transferred the land by registered deed to vest in the Medical Department of the Government free of all encumbrances on 22nd December, 1960 ?
- (c) When the land was taken possession by the Medical and P. W. D. Departments ?
- (d) When the plan and estimates of the buildings of the State Dispensary were submitted to the Chief Engineer for approval ?
- (e) When the plans and estimates were forwarded by the Chief Engineer to the Director of Health Services, Assam, Shillong, for arranging administrative approval and necessary fund ?
- (f) On which date administrative approval has been accorded or the project by the Government and on which date the approval has been intimated to the Chief Engineer to take up the construction work ?
- (g) What are the reasons for this unusual delay in taking up the construction work of the project which was sanctioned in the year 1960 and was to be completed in the financial year 1960-61 ?
- (h) How long the Government will take to complete the work ?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister-in charge, Medical) replied :

808. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—On 25th January, 1961.

(d)—On 21st June, 1961.

(e)—On 29th December, 1961.

(f)—Action is being taken to accord administrative approval as early as possible.

(g)—The delay in taking up the construction work is due to preparing plans and estimates and other formalities being observed and the matter has already been taken up with P. W. D. for this.

(h)—It is difficult to give a definite date.

Re: New X-Ray Plant in Tezpur Civil Hospital

Shri MOHI KANTA DAS (Barchalla) asked :

809. Will the Minister, Medical be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government is aware that a new X-Ray Plant was donated to the Tezpur Civil Hospital a few years back by the World Health Organisation ?
- (b) If the answer to (a) above be in the affirmative whether Government be pleased to explain the delay in the installation of the Plant ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that due to bad storage one important part of the Plant has been badly damaged and replacement would involve heavy cost ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that the Plant has not been installed up till now ?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that the old Plant has remained out of order for a long time and no serious attempt has been made for its repair ?
- (f) Whether Government be pleased to enquire into the causes of damage of the new Plant ?
- (g) Whether Government is aware that this delay in repairing the Plants has caused great suffering to the public ?
- (h) Whether Government be pleased to take immediate steps for the repair of the two Plants ?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister-in-charge, Medical) replied :

809. (a)—Yes.

(b)—It was thought that the Plant donated could be installed in the existing X-Ray room. But as a bigger Plant was supplied, the X-Ray room had to be expanded according to the specification of the Supplying Firm. Simultaneously the State Electricity Board was moved to supply

A. C. current of the X-Ray building on 19th July, 1960 and the Sub-divisional Officer (Electricity), Tezpur submitted an estimate on 29th December, 1960 to the Civil Surgeon, Tezpur stating that an amount of Rs.3,300 would have to be deposited in each to the Board. Government accorded sanction on 25th September, 1961. As soon as the supply of A. C. was completed the supplying Firm was asked to install the X-Ray Plant. This explains the delay.

(c)—One dynamax X-Ray Tube was found damaged when the Engineer of the Supplying Firm undertook installation of the X-Ray Plant in April, 1962. The Tube has to be replaced, the cost of which will be Rs.5,800. The damage cannot be ascribed to bad storage but it may be due to the Plant lying unused for a long time.

(d)—Yes. But arrangement are in progress to complete installation of the X-Ray Plant by replacing the damaged part for which orders have already been placed with the Firm.

(e)—It is a fact that the Old X-Ray Plant has been out of order for a long time (*i. e.*, since 29th November, 1961). Sanction to bring the Engineer of the Firm for repair has been accorded on 21st June, 1962.

(f)—The damage is internal and may be original or due to long storage. This damage was detected by Mechanical device by the X-Ray Engineer of the Supplying Firm in course of his installation of the Plant. No useful purpose will be served by an enquiry now.

(g)—Yes. But every effort is being made to set the existing Machine right.

(h)—Yes. Government has taken necessary steps.

Re: Weekly Hats

Shrimati LILY SEN GUPTA (Lahowal) asked :

810. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Health be pleased to state —

- (a) Whether Government is aware that most of the weekly hats (bazar) are held in the public road causing great inconvenience to the traffic ?
- (b) Whether Government are aware that the food-stuff even the sweet-meats are sold openly on the road without any hygienic protection ?
- (c) Whether Government is aware that this is detrimental to the health of people ?
- (d) Whether Government is taking any steps about this ?
- (e) If so, what is that ?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister-in-charge, Medical) replied :

810. (a)—There are some such cases

(b)—Raw food-stuff and sweet-meats are sold here and there sometimes openly and also in boxes with glass panes.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—Yes.

(e)—The health personnel inspect Hats and Bazars and advise people about the bad effects of such open sale of food-stuffs. Further, provision has been made in the Model Byelaws of Government in the Local Self-Government. Department regarding sale of prepared articles of food. Municipal Boards and Town Committees adopted these Byelaws.

Re: Establishment of Gobarodal Dispensary

Dr. HOMESWAR DEB CHOUDHURY (Patacharkuchi) asked :

811. Will the Medical Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government is aware that the villagers of Gobarodal, Sethikuchi, Bakujari, Barbogjari, Akhra, Suradi, Loh Konia Sialmari and Bali (all mandali lat village) proposed to establish a dispensary at Gobarodal village in November 1950 and raised public money and erected the Dispensary building, doctor's and compounder's quarters ?
- (b) Whether Government received any application from the said Dispensary Committee praying to take up the dispensary as either a Public Health or subsidised Dispensary ?
- (c) Whether the Health Minister, Development Minister and Director of Health Services received any petition of prayer from the dispensary committee, sent by them on 25th June 1951 ; 27th March 1952 ; 7th February 1953 ; 4th November 1953 ; 22nd April 1954 ; 8th June 1956 ; 20th December 1956 ; 13th November 1957 ; 1st December 1957 ; 4th April 1959 ; 30th July 1959 and 8th January 1960 ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that the Deputy Health Minister visited the Dispensary on 23rd November 1957 ?
- (e) If so, what was his report, as regards this Dispensary ?
- (f) Whether it is a fact that Dr. B. R. Das of Barama, a Public Health Doctor, was deputed by the Government to see the Dispensary and report ?

- (g) If so, what was his report ?
- (h) Whether it is a fact that even after 12 years of public effort, the Government has not taken up this Dispensary either as subsidised dispensary or as Public Health or State Dispensary ?
- (i) Whether Government propose to take up the dispensary either as state or subsidised one ?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister-in-charge, Medical)

replied :

811. (a)—Government has no information. The Civil Surgeon, Kamrup has been instructed to visit the area and to report.

(b)—No.

(c)—Government have no information.

(d)—Government have no information.

(e)—Does not arise in view of reply to (d) above.

(f)—A report has been called for by Government from the Civil Surgeon, Kamrup. Government has not deputed Dr. Das to report.

(g)—Does not arise in view of reply to (f) above.

(h)—Does not arise in view of reply to (a) and (b) above.

(i)—Government may consider it on receipt of a report from the Civil Surgeon, Kamrup as already called for and shall consider this along with other applications.

Re: Quarters of Medical Departmental Staff

Shri MOHI KANTA DAS (Barchalla) asked :

812. Will the Minister, Medical be pleased to provide departmental quarters to the ministerial staff of Medical Department whose services have been kept on provincial basis and if this be not possible, to make their services district-wise as in case of Deputy Commissioner Office ?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister-in-charge of Medical) replied :

812.—So far there is no proposal for providing quarters to the Ministerial staff of the District offices of this Department.

Normally the lower grade ministerial staff are not transferred unless there is the question of promotion, punishment or otherwise. If the ministerial posts of the districts are made district-wise the Government servants themselves will suffer as the scope of their promotion to higher posts will be limited to their respective offices only. This will not therefore be a practical proposition.

Re: Diagnosing of T. B. cases

Shri MOHANANDA BORA (Bihpuria) asked :

813. Will the Medical Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) What is the total number of T. B. cases diagnosed in the State in the laboratories of Dispensaries, Hospitals Sanatoriums and Government aided and private institutions for the last five years (annually) ?
- (b) What is the approximate number of T. B. case dia nosed in private laboratories of private medical practitioners for the last five years ?
- (c) How many T. B. Hospitals and T. B. Wards in Civil Hospitals are there in the State and what is the number and seats for these patients ?
- (d) What is the proposal of the Government to cope with these out numbered patients who do not get seats in these Hos-pitals and Wards ?
- (e) What is the total number of people inoculated against T. B. by B. C. G. vaccines upto date ?
- (f) Whether any person inoculated against T. B. (B. C. G. vaccinated) contracted the disease, if so, what is the number ?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister-in-charge of Me-dical) replied :

813. (a)—The figures have been called for.

(b) —Government is not in a position to furnish.

(c)—Two T. B. Hospitals and 8 Clinics. The total number of beds in Hospitals and Clinics is 391. Besides there are 234 beds in private run Hospitals.

(d)—All cases do not require hospitalisation and domiciliary treat-ment. The number of beds will also be gradually raised. But Govern-ment is afraid that it will not be possible to hospitalise each and every such patient in near future.

(e)—24, 43, 650.

(f)—No such report received so far.

Re: Supply of Medicines

Dr. HOMESWAR DEB CHOUDHURY (Patacharkuchi) asked:

814. Will the Medical Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether there is any procedure of supplying medicines and surgical equipments to the State Dispensaries and Hospitals?
- (b) If so, what is the procedure?
- (c) Whether the Medical Officers in-charge of Dispensaries and Hospitals submit indents for medicines and surgical equipments annually?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that medicines, etc., are supplied without any indents from Medical Officer in-charge, Dispensaries and Hospitals?
- (e) Whether there are any agents and contractors to supply medicines and surgical equipment?
- (f) If so, how these agents and contractors are selected and who are these?
- (g) Whether it is a fact that medicines and surgical equipments are supplied at a much higher rate than the prices offered by the Companies or Stockists stationed in Assam?
- (h) If so, why?
- (i) What is the total quantity of Discrysticines and Discrysticines 's' crys "4" bought for the Dispensaries and Hospitals of Assam during 1961-62?
- (j) What is the price of Dicrysticine and Dicrysticines and Crys '4' per 100 vials offered by the manufacturing company, the "Squibb" Sarabhai Chemicals?
- (k) Whether this company has any branch for sale in Assam?
- (l) What is the rate of price of Discrysticine and Discrysticine 's' and Crys' 4 per 100 vials charged in the bills by the agents and contractors in 1961-62?
- (m) What was the total number of Amoebic Dysentery cases in the district of Kamrup in 1961-62?
- (n) What was the total number of Enteroquirol Tablets and Entroviofor m Tablets supplied to the Dispensaries and Hospitals of Kamrup District in that year?

- (o) Whether it is a fact that medicines unwanted and un-indented by the Medical Officers, are also supplied ?
- (p) Whether it is a fact that huge quantity of unwanted and outmodate medicines are lying in the stocks of Dispensaries and Hospitals ?
- (q) Whether it is fact that short dated and date expired medicines are also supplied ?
- (r) Whether Government propose to make it a point to supply medicines on the indents for medicines, etc., by Medical Officers ?
- (s) Whether Government propose to make it a point to purchase medicines direct from the Companies which have its branches or its stockist in Assam which can supply at the hospital rate and appoint agent and contractors for only these companies which have no branches or depots in Assam who can supply at the lowest rate ?
- (t) Whether Government propose to make it a point to supply medicines, etc., in proportion to patients attending Dispensaries and Hospitals of the preceding year ?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister-in-charge of Medical) replied :

814. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Central Purchase Board at Headquarters approves the prices of medical stores after calling quotations from approved firms and communicates the same to the Civil Surgeons, Superintendents of various institutions, etc., in the Districts, who in their turn purchase and supply medicines to the institutions under them according to their requirements or indents on the basis of the approved rates.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—Medicines are supplied without indents, by the Civil Surgeons, only in case when a new dispensary or Primary Health Unit is opened.

(e)—No. Purchase is made from approved firms as stated at (b).

(f)—Does not arise.

(g)—No. Manufacturers and authorised distributors of such firms are approved by the Purchase Board to supply their products as approved by the Board in consideration of price, quality and reputation.

(h)—Does not arise in view of reply at (g) above.

(i)—Total quantity of Dycrysticine = 7,696 vails.

Crys '4' 25,441 vails.

Dycrysticine 's' Nil.

(j)—Price of Dycrysticine is Rs.89.30 per 100 vials.

Price of crys '4' is Rs.52.30 per 100 vials.

(k)—Yes.

(l)—As stated above, there was no agent or contractor. The price was the same as stated against question (j).

(m)—Total number in the district is 19,128.

(n)—Enteroquinal—6,99,550.

Entroviofor Nil.

(o)—Government have no information.

(p)—Government have no information.

(q)—No such instance has come to the notice of Government.

(r)—This is the practice.

(s)—This is what is exactly done. Direct from the approved firms.

(t)—This is the practice, of course, within the available funds.

Re: Puthimari Primary Co-operative Society

Shri SARAT CHANDRA GOSWAMI (Kamalpur) asked :

815. Will the Minister-in-charge of Co-operative be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that the Puthimari Primary Co-operative Society, Ltd., got a decree of Rs.5,278.75 nP. against the office bearers of the Society for misappropriation of Society Funds in the year 1957 ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that the Assistant Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Gauhati, forwarded the two decrees for execution and to realise the amount from the judgment debtors to the Deputy Commissioner, Kamrup by his letter No.CKG.503/59/31, dated 22nd August, 1957 ?

(c) What amount has been realised up till now in execution of the decrees ?

(d) Whether it is a fact that in spite of repeated approaches, the Deputy Commissioner's office has not taken effective steps to realise the amounts and the mortgaged properties have in the meantime been alienated or disposed of ?

(e) Whether Government will be pleased to take action for realisation of the amounts of the Co-operative Society ?

Shri LALIT KUMAR DOLEY (Deputy Minister, Co-operation) replied :

815. (a)—Yes.

(b)—The Assistant Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Gauhati has taken up the matter with Deputy Commissioner, Kamrup.

(c)—No amount has been realised up till now as decrees have not been executed.

(d)—As stated in (c).

(e)—Yes. The Deputy Commissioner, has taken steps to execute the decree.

Re : Statistics of Marketing Societies

Shri MOHANANDA BORA (Bihpuria) asked :

816. Will the Minister-in-charge, Co-operation be pleased so state—

(a) Whether Government has any statistical and recent figures with them about the working of the Marketing Societies in our State ?

(b) Whether Government is aware that some of these are working as 'Benamdars' of big Mahajans and in their office as well as godowns there is nothing but the si nboard and the clerk ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that some Presidents and Secretaries are drawing huge and fabulous amounts as T. A. Bills and honorarium ?

(d) Whether Government propose to enquire and encourage good working Co-operators as well as to bring to book all those who have practically done harm to the Co-operative Movement by remaining inside it in name only ?

Shri LALIT KUMAR DOLEY (Deputy Minister, Co-operation) replied :

816. (a)—Yes.

(b)—There is no Marketing Society which work as 'Benamdars' of big Mahajans in the paddy procurement areas. The Primary Marketing Societies are doing the procurement business with finance from the Apex Marketing Society as agents of the latter. But during the current year of

procurement, under the Revised procurement policy, a few of the Marketing Societies here and there which have entered into direct contract with Government for giving direct delivery to buffer stock as well as to rice mills might have received finance from rice mills to whom they are tagged to these societies having no adequate fund of their own might have taken some advances from rice mills but they cannot be said to have worked as 'Benamdars' of big Mahajans. In the other areas where there is no paddy procurement, the Marketing Societies have no such business. As such, the question of their working as Benamdars of big Mahajans does not arise at all.

(c)—Travelling Allowance and Honorarium have been drawn as allowed by the Committee of Management of the Societies after due consideration as the business of the Society demand.

(d)—Yes. Inspectors are made by officers of the Department and good Co-operators are always encouraged to take leadership in the Co-operative Movement and also to become office bearers of Co-operative Societies for better management.

But the Co-operative Societies being democratic institutions, where the members are only entitled to elect the office bearers, it is the responsibility of the members in general, to find out and elect good Co-operators for management of the affairs of the Societies. Government cannot bring to book all those who do harm to the Co-operative Movement. But when an offence is committed which is punishable either under the Co-operative Act and Rules or any other Act, appropriate action is always taken to bring the offenders to book.

**Re: Finalisation of Pension of Shri Iswar Ch. Das,
Work-charged Overseer**

Shri JOYBHADRA HAGJER [North Cachar Hills (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] asked :

817. Will the Minister-in-charge of P.W.D. (R. & B.) be pleased to state—

- (a) Reasons for delay in finalising the pension of Shri Iswar Chandra Das, a Work-charged Overseer who retired from service on 14th July, 1959 from Haflong P.W.D. Office ?
- (b) Whether there is any time limit fixed by the Government for finalisation of pension ?
- (c) Whether Government will make an immediate enquiry as to the cause of delay ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI [Minister of State, P.W.D. (R. & B.)] replied :

817. (a), (b) & (c)—Normally, pension cases are required to be disposed of as soon as possible after the retirement of the pensioner. But the case of Shri Iswar Chandra Das could not be disposed of early due to various complications. Shri Iswar Chandra Das is a confirmed Mohurri against Karimganj Division. At the time of his retirement he was under the Mikir and North Cachar Hills Division as a Work-charged Overseer. Prior to his retirement he served under the Subdivisional Officer, P.W.D.,

North Lakhimpur (R.&B.) Subdivision, and Subdivisional Officer (E. & D.) Silchar Subdivision. The Service Records during the period he served under the above two Subdivisions were not correct and up-to-date. Hence, it had to be sent to those Subdivisions, for making up-to-date entries. Moreover, Shri Das did not submit his option in the revision of pay scale, 1956 as a permanent Mohurrir. He has submitted the same only on 6th February, 1961. The option papers together with the Service Book and the initial pay statement of Shri Das in respect of his substantive post of a Mohurrir was submitted to the Accountant General, Assam for final check on 30th June, 1962.

On receipt, of the admissibility report from the Accountant General, Assam, the pension will be sanctioned by the Executive Engineer, Diphu Division.

Re: M.E. Madrassa and M. V. Schools

Shri TARAPADA BHATTACHARJEE (Katigora) asked :

818. Will the Education Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) The number of M.E. Madrassas and M.V. Madrassas of the District of Cachar with their location ?
- (b) The names of M.V. Madrassas under Katigora Police Station with roll strength of each of them ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that Katigora Middle Madrassa was established in the year 1940 ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that this Madrassa receives a recurring grant of Rs.45 a month only ?
- (e) The number of teachers, serving in this Madrassa with their scales of pay ?
- (f) Whether Government propose to revise their pay scale and to take up the responsibility of payment ?
- (g) If so, when ?
- (h) Whether Government received any representation from the Secretary, Kalain Alia Madrassa for recognition of the institution ?
- (i) Whether the Kalain Alia Madrassa has been inspected by the Assistant Inspector of Schools for Muslim Education ?
- (j) Whether Government will accord recognition to this institution and sanction a non-recurring grant ?

Shrimati KOMOL KUMARI BARUA (Deputy Minister, Education) replied :

818. (a) to (j)—Information is being collected.

Re : Dissolution of M.E. Section of Radhanogore-Bastuhara Shishotosh Bidyapith

Shri SANTI RANJAN DAS GUPTA (Lumding) asked :

19. Will the Education Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that the Deputy Inspector of Schools, Nowgong, ordered in his letter No.M/4/62/1559-61 of 1st March 1962 to dissolve the M.E. Section of Radhanogore-Bastuhara Shishotosh Bidyapith (Jugijan Mouza) established and administered by the linguistic minorities ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that the Deputy Inspector stated in his order that there is a M.E. School already in existence at Jugijan having Assamese as medium of instruction and at such there is no necessity of having another M.E. School for the linguistic minorities ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that the Deputy Inspector in his said order closed down the above L.P. School and amalgamated the same with a nearby refugee primary school ?
- (d) Whether Government is aware that both the Radhanogore Refugee Primary School and Utar Radhanogore-Bastuhara Bidyapith were accorded with the Rehabilitation grant for construction of L.P. School Buildings because of huge number of students in both the schools ?

Shrimati KOMOL KUMARI BARUA (Deputy Minister, Education) replied :

819. (a)—The fact appears to be that there are two L.P. Schools very close by at Radhanogore—a part of Jugijan mainly inhabited by Refugees. The L.P. schools are as a rule not permitted to have M.E. sections. As there was a High School coming up at Jugijan the Deputy Inspector recommended by the letter referred to in the question the closing of the M.E. Sections.

(b)—The Jugijan M.E. school is likely to become a High School shortly. It may have Assamese as a medium of instruction. Actually the Deputy Inspector's intention was that within a radius of half a mile, there is no necessity for another M.E. school.

(c)—The Deputy Inspector did not close down any L.P. school. Actually, at the time of Deputy Inspector's visit there was only one building coming up and therefore suggested that both the L.P. schools may be amalgamated and held at the building that was coming up in the interests of better education.

(d)—Yes. But the information was not known to the Deputy Inspector at the time of his visit. Hence, the suggestions of the Deputy Inspector of Schools.

Re: Recognised M. E., M. V. & L. P. Schools in Dhubri Subdivision

Raja AJIT NARAYAN DEB (Kokrajhar) asked :

820. Will the Minister, Education be pleased to state—

(a) The number of all the recognised Middle English, Middle Vernacular and Lower Primary Schools in the Dhubri Subdivision.

(b) Whether there is an Additional Deputy Inspector of Schools to help the Deputy Inspector of Schools in Dhubri Subdivision ?

(c) Whether the number of such Middle English, Middle Vernacular and Lower Primary Schools is 737 in the Kokrajhar Subdivision besides 85 Venture Lower Primary Schools and 9 Middle English Venture Schools ?

(d) Whether it is a fact that there is only one Deputy Inspector to look after all these institutions ?

(e) Whether Government propose to sanction the post of an Additional Deputy Inspector for Kokrajhar Subdivision which is more backward than the Dhubri Subdivision in education and communication ?

(f) Whether Government propose to constitute a separate Education Board for the Subdivision of Kokrajhar considering the number of institutions and the backwardness of the area ?

(g) The amount allotted for grant to storm damaged institutions in favour of the institutions in the Dhubri and Kokrajhar Subdivision during the current financial year ?

(h) The amount distributed in Kokrajhar Subdivision and the amount distributed in the Dhubri Subdivision during the current year ?

(i) The total number of Schools taken up by the Board in its last meeting (1) in Dhubri Subdivision and (2) in Kokrajhar Subdivision ?

(j) Whether Government propose to enhance the amount of grant for taking up more Venture Schools earmarking an amount for the Kokrajhar Subdivision considering the educationally backward condition of the population ?

Shrimati KOMOL KUMARI BARUA (Deputy Minister, Education) replied :

820. (a)—Middle English	...	...	...	40
Middle Vernacular	...	...	...	22
Lower Primary	...	...	...	683

(b)—Yes.

(c)—The total number of recognised Schools in Kokrajhar Sub-division :—

Middle English	...	...	45
Middle Vernacular	...	...	14
Lower Primary	...	...	660
Venture Lower Primary	...	...	85

(d)—Yes.

(e)—There is no such proposal at the moment.

(f)—No.

(g)—Rs.31,450.

(h)—Dhubri Subdivision ... 26,800

Kokrajhar Subdivision ... 4,650

(i)—Dhubri Subdivision ... 40

Kokrajhar Subdivision ... 33

(j)—The matter will be examined.

Re Silikhabari M. E. School

Shri MOHI KANTA DAS (Barchalla) asked :

821. Will the Minister-in-charge of Education be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government is aware that the Silikhabari M. E. School is situated in Tribal Area in Bargaon mouza of Tezpur Subdivision.

(b) Whether it is a fact that the Deputy Inspector of Schools had recommended deficit grant for the School for the year 1961-62 as it fulfilled all the required conditions ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that deficit grant was not sanctioned for the year 1961-62 ?

(d) If so, what were the reasons for refusing the grant ?

(e) Whether Government will be pleased to sanction deficit grant for the School for the year 1962-63 ?

Shrimati KOMOL KUMARI BARUA (Deputy Minister of Education) replied :

821. (a)—Yes.

(b)—The Deputy Inspector of Schools forwarded the particulars of the School. All the conditions for getting deficit grant-in-aid were not fulfilled as it appears the Headmaster and one of the teaching staffs are under qualified.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—Due to paucity of funds and non-fulfillment of conditions.

(e)—Yes, if funds permit and conditions are fulfilled.

Re: Middle English and Middle English Madrassa

Shri TAJUDDIN AHMED (Tarabari) asked :

8 2. Will the Minister, Education be pleased to state—

(a) How many suitable Middle English and Middle English Madrassa Schools are there in every subdivision which are not getting deficit system of grant up to this time ?

(b) Whether they will get deficit system of grant ?

(c) If so, when ?

(d) How many unsuitable (when students are not upto the mark) Middle English and Middle Madrassa Schools are there in every Subdivision ?

(e) Whether they will get recurring grant to grow up ?

Shrimati KOMOL KUMARI BARUA (Deputy Minister of Education) replied :

822. (a)—

Upper Assam Circle

1. Kamalabari	...	...	3 Middle English Schools.
2. Tinsukia	...	...	13 Middle English Schools.
3. Jorhat	...	...	8 Middle English Schools.
4. Sibsagar	...	..	13 Middle English Schools.
5. Golaghat	...	...	Nil.
6. Dibrugarh	...	...	11 Middle English Schoo's

Western Assam Circle

1. Tura ...	...	34 Middle English Schools.
2. Goalpara ...	...	2 Middle English Madrassas.
2. Goalpara ...	...	20 Middle English Schools.
3. Kokrajhar ...	...	25 Middle English Schools.
		1 Middle English Madrassa.
4. Dhubri ...	...	8 Middle English Schools.
		2 Middle English Madrassas.

Northern Assam Circle

1. Tezpur ...	...	14 Middle English Schools.
		1 Middle English Madrassa.
2. North Lakhimpur ...	...	4 Middle English Schools.
3. Mangaldai ...	...	8 Middle English Schools.

Southern Assam Circle

1. Silchar ...	...	17 Middle English Schools (including Madrassa).
2. Hailakandi ...	...	3 Middle English Schools.
		2 Middle English Madrassas.
3. Karimganj ...	...	7 Middle English Schools.
		1 Middle English Madrassa.
4. Aijal ..	...	34 Middle English Schools.
5. Lungleh ...	...	7 Middle English Schools.

Lower Assam Circle

1. Gauhati ...	...	Nil.
2. Rangiya ..	...	7 Middle English Schools.
3. Nalbari ...	...	14 Middle English Schools.
		2 Middle English Madrassa.

4. Jowai ... 1 Middle English School (it did not accept deficit grant).

5. Barpeta ... 10 Middle English Schools.
3 Middle English Madrasahs.

6. Shillong ... 14 Middle English Schools.

Central Assam Circle

1. Morigaon... 9 Middle English Schools.

2. Diphu ... 17 Middle English Schools.

3. Haflong ... Nil.

4. Nowgong ... 6 Middle English Schools.

(b) —Yes, if the Schools concerned fulfill the required conditions subject to availability of funds for the purpose.

(c) —If and when funds are available.

(d) —

Upper Assam Circle

1. Kamalabari ... Nil.

2. Tinsukia ... 7 Middle English Schools.

3. Jorhat ... 1 Middle English School.

4. Sibsagar ... 2 Middle English Schools.

5. Golaghat ... Nil.

6. Dibrugarh ... 21 Middle English Schools.

Western Assam Circle

1. Tura ... 5 Middle English Schools.

2. Goalpara ... 4 Middle English Schools.

3. Kokrajhar ... Nil.

4. Dhubri ... 4 Middle English Schools.

2 Middle English Madrasahs.

Northern Assam Circle

1. North Lakhimpur ... 4 Middle English Schools.

2. Tezpur ... 13 Middle English Schools.

3. Mangaldai ... 6 Middle English Schools.

Southern Assam Circle

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|---------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Silchar | 13 Middle English Schools. |
| 2. Hailakandi | Nil. |
| 3. Karimganj | 1 Middle English School. |
| 4. Aijal | 30 Middle English Schools. |
| 5. Lungleh | 12 Middle English Schools. |

Lower Assam Circle

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|-------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Gauhati | 7 Middle English Schools. |
| | 1 Middle English Madrassa. |
| 2. Rangiya | Nil. |
| 3. Nalbari | 5 Middle English Schools. |
| | 1 Middle English Madrassa. |
| 4. Jowai | 4 Middle English Schools. |
| 5. Barpeta | 7 Middle English Schools. |
| | 2 Middle English Madrassas. |
| 6. Shillong | 17 Middle English Schools. |

Central Assam Circle

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|-------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Morigaon | 1 Middle English Madrassa |
| 2. Diphu | 7 Middle English Schools. |
| 3. Haflong | 8 Middle English Schools. |
| 4. Nowgong | 4 Middle English Schools. |

It is presumed that by the expression "Unsuitable (when students are not up to the mark)" the hon. Member means the number of schools where the total number of students are not upto the minimum limit.

(e)—Yes, some of these are already getting *ad-hoc* recurring grant (2 in Sibsagar subdivision, 16 in Shillong, 4 in Jowai, 4 in Mangaldai, 1 in Morigaon). The others will be considered when funds are available and when they are recognised.

Re: Rangagarah Middle English School in Tezpur Subdivision

Shri MOHI KANTA DAS (Barchalla) asked :

823. Will the Minister-in-charge of Education be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government is aware that Rangagarah Middle English School in Tezpur Subdivision is situated in a most backward area and was established by the poor immigrants of the locality with great difficulty for the education of their children ?

(b) Whether Government is aware that the recurring annual grant for the year 1961-62 could not be drawn before the financial year by school authority as the sanctioning order issued under Memo No.10163-64 on 31st March, 1961 by Director of Public Instruction's Office could not reach the destination before the closure of financial year ?

(c) Whether Government is aware that the teaching staff being without pay for the last 12 months are suffering greatly and the school is on the verge of closure ?

(d) Whether Government will be pleased to enquire into the cause of delay in sanctioning annual grants and take steps so that such delay may not occur in future ?

(e) Whether it is a fact that the Deputy Inspector of Schools had recommended deficit grant for the school and no orders have been passed as yet ?

(f) Whether Government will be pleased to take steps to—

(i) Sanction arrear grant in aid for the year 1961-62 and

(ii) Sanction deficit grant to the school for the year 1962-63 ?

Shrimati KOMOL KUMARI BARUA (Deputy Minister of Education) replied :

823. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—The grant not being drawn there may be some difficulty in making payment to teachers but Government have no information about the school being on the verge of closure.

(d)—Government is always anxious to take steps to ensure timely renewal of grant as far as practicable.

(e)—Yes.

(f)—(i) Arrear grant for 1961-62 has already been sanctioned.

(ii) This will be considered if the school is found eligible and if funds permit.

Re: Compensation of land of Noonmati, Bamuni-Maidan, Narengi, etc.

Shri MADHUSUDHAN DAS (Barpeta) asked :

824. Will the Minister, Revenue be pleased to state—

- (a) How many persons received compensation for land in Noonmati, Bamuni-Maidan, Narengi and other places of neighbourhood in Gauhati Subdivision ?
- (b) The names of those who are to receive above Rs.50,000 (fifty-thousand) as compensation for their lands, and the area of their lands for which compensation has been or is being paid ?
- (c) The rate of compensation per bigha ?
- (d) Whether those lands were agriculture lands before the establishment of Oil Refinery, and Industrial Estate there, as also before the opening of a new station at Narengi ?
- (e) Whether some of these lands come under the operation of Assam Land Ceiling Act ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Minister of State, Revenue) replied :

824. (a)—1,327.

(b)—The list is placed on the Library Table.

(c)—Rs.150 to Rs.12,500 per bigha according as the land was high, low, water-logged or hilly, etc., as also their location and importance.

(d)—Most of the lands in Narengi area were agricultural lands and some were basti lands. About half of the total area acquired for Oil Refinery in Noonmati, were agricultural lands and the rest were basti, hilly or highland unfit for agriculture.

(e)—Yes, but Ceiling Act was not applied because of the extreme urgency of the projects.

Re: Cancer, T. B. and Leprosy cases

Shri MADHUSUDHAN DAS (Barpeta) asked :

825. Will the Minister-in-charge of Medical be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government have collected the number of Cancer, T. B. and Leprosy cases in the State ?
- (b) Whether all of them have been treated at Government dispensaries or not ?
- (c) If so, the number district-wise of each of the above category ?

- (d) Whether it is a fact that the increasing number of Cancer and T. B. cases has necessitated opening of many other centres of treatment of these diseases, as the existing ones cannot cope with the cases ?
- (e) Whether Government propose to consider the desirability of opening (i) a T. B. Hospital at Barpeta and (ii) a Cancer Hospital at Gauhati ?
- (f) Whether it is a fact that T. B. and Cancer cases are increasing in Barpeta and in Kamrup District ?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister-in-charge of Medical) replied :

825. (a)—Yes. Government have collected the number of Leprosy cases in the State. The figures of T. B. cases have not been received from all District Officers as yet. Regarding Cancer there had not been any survey

(b)—Cases appearing in the Hospitals and Dispensaries are treated according to the facilities available in the respective Institutions.

(c)—The number of Cancer patients who received treatment in Assam Medical College Hospital, Dibrugarh during the last 5 years from different districts are furnished below :—

Kamrup	..	...	..	...	799
Lakhimpur	...	..	...	...	703
Sibsagar	..	..	...	...	695
Nowgong	...	..	...	..	339
Darrang	...	..	...	...	155
Goalpara	...	...	...	...	137
Cachar	...	...	..	...	124
Khasi and Jaintia Hills	..	..	...	...	39
United Mikir and North Cachar Hills				..	19
Garo Hills	..	..	...	...	15
Mizo Hills	..	...	..	...	12

Number of Leprosy cases treated in different State Dispensaries for the last 3 years are furnished below :—

			1959	1960	1961
Kamrup	...	...	707	834	718
Khasi and Jaintia Hills	...	...	193	286	205
Goalpara	...	...	1,613	1,995	2,311
Nowgong	...	...	724	426	331
United Mikir and North Cachar Hills.			1,434	2,648	4,252
Garo Hills	...	...	595	563	1,102
Lakhimpur	...	...	454	524	584
Sibsagar	...	...	1,147	845	1,010
Cachar	...	...	545	723	915
Darrang	...	..	1,057	638	738

(d)—Yes, there is a proposal to increase 160 T. B. beds in the existing Hospital of the State and also for establishment of 50 bedded Cancer Hospital in the State.

(e)—(i) There is a proposal to start a Cancer Hospital at Gauhati under Medical College. There is no proposal to establish a T. B. Hospital at Barpeta. There is a Clinic with 6 Beds.

(f)—Government is not in a position to say whether it is increasing or not but more cases are diagnosed and coming for treatment.

Re: Building of Leprosy Centre at Majikuchi

Shri MOHI KANTA DAS (Barchalla) asked :

826. Will the Medical Minister be pleased to state—

- Whether it is a fact that the buildings of the Leprosy Centre at Majikuchi in Tezpur Subdivision are in a dilapidated condition and not fit for human habitation ?
- Whether it is a fact that there is no medicine for this Leprosy Centre ?
- Who is responsible for supervising these Leprosy Centres ?
- Whether the Civil Surgeon visited this centre within the last two years ?

- (c) If so, when ?
- (f) Whether Government propose to maintain the Centre ?
- (g) If so, whether Government propose to take early steps for reconstructing the buildings and for providing adequate stock of medicines for the Centre ?
- (h) Whether there is a Managing Committee for this Centre ?
- (i) Whether it is a fact that there has been no meeting of the Committee for the last two years ?
- (j) Whether it is a fact that the Secretary of the Centre has not utilised the money sanctioned for purchasing medicine for purpose for which it was sanctioned ?
- (k) Whether Government propose to enquire into the whole matter and set things right so that the Centre may be really a useful institution for the suffering humanity ?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister-in-charge of Medical, replied :

826. (a) to (k)—The information is being collected.

Re : Medical facilities for the people of Mauza Baghbar and Bagribari

Shri TAJUDDIN AHMED (Tarabari) asked :

827. Will the Minister, Medical be pleased to state—

- (a) What are the facilities provided for Medical treatment of the people of the Mauza Baghbar and Bagribari of Barpeta Sub-division ?
- (b) Whether Government will give some State Dispensaries in those Mauzas ?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister-in-charge, Medical) replied :

827. (a)—There is a State Dispensary at Kachumara in Bagribari Mauza. There is no State Dispensary in Baghbar Mauza, as such people go to Mainbari Sub-Centre or to Chanmama Dispensary.

(b)—Already there is a State Dispensary in Bagribari Mauza. The question of having a State Dispensary in Baghbar Mauza will receive due consideration along with others in due course.

Re: Departmental P. W. D. Officers

Shri MOHI KANTA DAS (Barchalla) asked:

328. Will the Minister, Medical be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether without departmental P. W. D. Officer, the respective Executive Engineer's staff is sufficient to submit plan and estimate of all the medical buildings of a district the number of which is quite large?
- (b) If not, whether Government be pleased to take steps to appoint at least one Overseer under each P. W. D. Subdivision to ensure prompt action so far as it relates to the buildings of the Health Department?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister-in-charge, Medical) replied:

328. (a)—Yes. When there is increase of work P. W. D. opens new Subdivision and Division and engages adequate staff.

(b)—Does not arise in view of reply to (a) above.

Re: Shifting of Behali State Dispensary

Shri BISHNULAL UPADHYAYA (Gohpur) asked:

329. Will the Minister-in-charge of Medical be pleased to refer to the answer given to the unstarred question No. 252(a), asked by the questioner on the 7th October 1961 and state—

- (a) Whether Government have received by this time the revised Plan and Estimates from P. W. D. to expedite the work of shifting of the Behali State Dispensary to the new site?
- (b) Whether the microscope, order for which was placed by Government before 25th March 1961 has now arrived at the Dispensary?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that the Medical Minister accompanied by the Director of Health Services visited the Behali State Dispensary on 14th May 1962?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that there was no Doctor at this Dispensary for the last 9 months and it was a problem for holding post-mortem examination there on several occasions mainly because of the fact that the Doctor was not available there?
- (e) Whether there is any Dispensary except this Dispensary where post-mortem examination can be held within a distance from Hawajan to Jamuguri?

(f) Whether it is a fact that Doctors hesitate to join their duties in this Dispensary or try to get transferred to other places due to its location in a lonely place which is also a corner of the mouza being on the high bank of the Brahmaputra?

(g) Whether Government propose to shift this Dispensary and equip it with all its necessities for the interest of thirty thousand population within its area of operation?

(h) If so, what step Government is going to take in this regard?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister-in-charge of Medical) replied:

829. (a)—No.

(b)—No.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—Yes. There was no Doctor for 7 months only. One Doctor was posted but he did not join there. (One Assistant Surgeon—I has joined at Behali on 7th April 1962).

(e)—No.

(f)—The location as stated is such but it is not known if for this position of the locality any Doctor sought for transfer or hesitated to join.

(g) At present there is no such proposal.

(h)—Does not arise in view of the reply at (g) above

Re: Construction of Balijan Dispensary Building

Shri BISHNULAL UPADHYAYA (Gohpur) asked:

830. Will the Minister-in-charge, Medical be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that the Balijan Dispensary building was constructed by the Tezpur Local Board in 1955?

(b) Whether it is a fact that this dispensary was opened by the Tezpur Local Board as per resolution No 3 of the Board's meeting held on 13th February 1955?

(c) Whether it is a fact that a qualified Doctor was also appointed by the said Board who of course could not join his post there for some unavoidable personal reason?

(d) Whether it is a fact that the Chairman of the Tezpur Local Board in reply to the queries made by the Secretary Medical informed in May, 1959 that the Balijan dispensary was a regular dispensary of the Board and requested the latter to take it over as State Dispensary along with others?

(c) If so, how it was dropped from the list of the Dispensaries taken over by Government in 1959 ?

(f) Considering the lack of Medical facilities to the vast area, whether Government propose to take it over from now ?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister-in-charge of Medical) replied;

830. (a) to (f)—The information is being collected.

Re: Dispensary at North of Behali

Shri BISHNULAL UPADHYAYA (Gehpur) asked:

831. Will the Minister-in-charge of Medical be pleased to refer to the answer given to the un-starred question No. 330, asked by the Questioner on 7th October 1961 regarding demand for a dispensary to the North of Behali and state—

(a) Whether the information called for from the Civil Surgeon, Darrang has been received now ?

(b) Whether establishment of a Dispensary to the north of Behal Mouza under Article 275 has been finalised along with others in the current year's programme ?

(c) Whether there is any medical facilities at this part of the Mouza ?

(d) What is the distance to the Behali State Dispensary from the villages—Sialmari, Bihmari, Laipukhuri, Bagijuli, Baralimora Padumpukhuri, etc. ?

(e) Whether Government propose to expedite the work of establishment of a State dispensary to give medical facilities to the tribal and backward people of those villages named above ?

(f) Whether it is a fact that the Civil Surgeon, Darrang made a query to Shri Manik Chandra Sarma, Secretary, Baralimora Unit Congress as to the place where such dispensary can be established on 12th October 1961 and obtained the information from him on 6th November 1961 ?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister-in-charge of Medical) replied:

831. (a)—Yes.

(b)—No.

(c)—No.

(d)—Approximately 7 to 10 miles.

(e)—This is being considered along with others.

(f)—Yes.

Re: Quarters of Doctors in Namti State Dispensary

Shri TANKESWAR CHETIA (Nazira) asked :

832. Will the Minister-in-charge of Medical be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government have lately received any representations either from the public or from the M.O. in-charge of Namti State Dispensary regarding the dilapidated condition of the quarters of the doctor and the compounder ?

(b) Whether the local G. an Panchayat also requested the Government for paying immediate attention to these buildings ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that these quarters are now falling on the ground ?

(d) Where are the Doctor and the Compounder staying at present ?

(e) Whether it is a fact that the doctor submitted a proposal to Government through the Civil Surgeon for immediate sanction of money to reconstruct the quarters ?

(f) What action the Government has taken thereon ?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister-in-charge of Medical) replied :

832. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—No, but the quarters are in a bad condition and repair works will be taken up shortly.

(d)—The Doctor in-charge of the Namti State Dispensary is attending the dispensary from his home at Dikhowmukh at a distance of 12 miles.

(e) & (f)—Yes, action is being taken for repairs.

Re: Sanctioning of a State Dispensary at Korokani Forests Village

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA (Thowra) asked :

833. Will the Minister-in-charge of Medical be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that the villagers of Diroi Forest Reserve gave representation to Government for sanctioning a State Dispensary at Korokani Forest village ?

- (b) Whether Government is aware that majority of the villagers are Tribal people rehabilitated from Panidhing Mauza ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that the remaining population also belong to other backward classes ?
- (d) What are the neighbouring dispensaries both in Sibsagar and Dibrugarh subdivision and what are the distances ?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that the villages surrounding the Reserve are also deprived of Medical facilities ?
- (f) Whether Government is aware that establishment of such a dispensary at Korokani will benefit the out-side people also ?
- (g) Whether Government is aware that with a view to establish a dispensary the Forest Department has already constructed a house and has provided water supply facilities ?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister-in-charge of Medical) replied :

833. (a)—Yes

(b)—Tribal population is about 35 per cent.

(c)—Remaining population are mostly from other Backward Classes.

(d)—Neighbouring dispensaries are—

1. Moran State Dispensary under Dibrugarh Subdivision
15 miles.
2. Tingkhang State Dispensary under Dibrugarh Subdivision
8 miles.
3. Desangpani State Dispensary under Sibsagar Subdivision
19. miles.
4. Sonari State Dispensary under Sibsagar Subdivision
18 miles.

(e)—No proper medical facilities are available as the neighbouring dispensaries are beyond the radius of 5 miles.

(f)—Naturally.

(g)—Yes, Forest Department have constructed a temporary thatched house for dispensary and ring well for water supply.

Re: Health Centre at Saikhowa area

Shrimati LILY SEN GUPTA (Lahowal) asked :

834. Will the Medical Minister be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that the vast Saikhowa area has got only one Health Centre placed under one Rural Health Inspector ?

(b) Whether it is sufficient for all the villages ?

(c) Whether there are any mobile dispensaries in that area ?

(d) If so, what is the number of staff engaged for the purpose ?

(e) If not, why ?

(f) Whether it is a fact that Saikhowa State Dispensary has got no Maternity Ward ?

(g) If so, whether Government propose to give one ?

(h) Whether it is a fact that the project department has got an ambulance for carrying patients ?

(i) If so, where it is placed and how it is utilised by the Department ?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister-in-charge of Medical) replied :

834. (a)—There is no Health Centres at Saikhowa but there is a Dispensary.

(b)—The existing medical facilities available are considered sufficient.

(c)—No.

(d)—Does not arise.

(e)—Not considered necessary at present.

(f)—Yes.

(g)—There is no such proposal at present.

(h)—Yes.

(i)—It is still under the Community Project Department and has not been handed over to the Health Department.

Re: Purchase of Medicines

Shri MAHADEB DAS [Bhapanibur (Reserved for Schedule Castes)] asked :

835. Will the Minister-in-charge of Medical be pleased to state—

- (a) What is the present system of purchasing medicine for the Government Hospitals and Dispensaries ?
- (b) Since when this system of purchase has introduced ?
- (c) Whether Government is aware that due to the Centralised System of purchase many Dispensaries and Hospitals in the State are going on without any common medicine even ?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister-in-charge of Medical) replied :

835. (a)—There is a Central Purchase Board at the Headquarters, which approves the prices of various drugs and chemicals and also the firms thereof. The Civil Surgeons, Superintendents of other institutions, etc., in the districts, purchase and supply medical stores to the institutions under them according to need

(b)—Since 1960.

(c)—There is no system of centralised purchase now.

Re: Purchasing of Medicines

Dr. GHANASHYAM DAS [North-Salmora Reserved for Schedule Castes)] asked :

836. Will the Minister-in-charge of Medical be pleased to state—

(a) What amount the Government is spending annually in purchasing medicines for our State for the followings.

- (i) Assam Medical College;
- (ii) Gauhati Medical College;
- (iii) Medical Department; and
- (iv) Public Health Department ?

(b) Whether Government is aware that huge quantities of medicine are being purchased at a very exorbitant rate from one Bharat Pharmaceutical distributors, who is neither a manufacturing concern nor a distributor of the reputed manufacturing firm ?

(c) What is the reason of placing major portion of the order to this particular concern ?

- (d) Who compares the price and quotation of the firm before placing order ?
- (e) Whether Government is aware or received reports to the effect that this particular firm, Bharat Pharmaceutical Distributors and their counterpart capital surgical are cheating the Government and the public by supplying bad quality of articles and medicines at a much higher rate ?
- (f) If so, whether Government propose to black-list these two firms forthwith and take other drastic steps ?
- (g) If not, whether Government will be pleased to make a thorough enquiry ?

Sbri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister-in-charge of Medical) replied :

836. (a)—The information has been called for, from Colleges and Directorate.

(b)—It is not a fact. Rates of medicines are determined on comparative basis, taking into account the quality and price factors as well as the reputation of a firm. M/S Bharat Pharmaceutical Distributors are the authorised distributors of M/S Indian Health Institute, which is a medicinal manufacturing concern. The products of the firm, which are mostly chemicals and general drugs, have been approved by the Purchase Board solely on the basis of price factor, in other words, their prices being lowest.

(c)—Major portion of Drugs and chemicals are not approved in their favour; hence the question of placing major portion of orders for medicines with the firm does not arise.

(d)—Purchase Board.

(e)—No. No such instance has been reported from any quarter.

(f)—Question does not arise in view of reply against (e) above.

(g)—Enquiry will be made and necessary action will be taken if there are specific instances.

Re: Requisition of Services of Sri Buluram Hazarika, Driver

Shri BISWADEV SARMA (Balipara) asked :

837. Will the Minister, Medical be pleased to enquire and state:—

(a) Whether it is a fact that the Services of one Buluram Hazarika, Driver of Anti-Malaria Department serving under the Assistant Malaria Officer, Tezpur was requisitioned for Naga Hills operation ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that the said Buluram Hazarika was killed by Naga Hostiles while he was on Government duty on 26th December 1956 ?

- (c) If so what amount was paid to the family of the deceased Buluram Hazarika as immediate relief to the family ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that the pay of late Buluram Hazarika for the months from 1st October 1956 to 26th December 1956 was paid to his mother (the claimant) at pre-revised scale of 1956 and not in the revised scale ?
- (e) If so, why ?
- (f) Whether it is a fact that not even a single T.A. bill during the period of service of late Buluram Hazarika in the Naga Hills till his death was either paid to him or to his claimant after death ?
- (g) If so, why ?
- (h) Whether it is a fact that the mother of late Buluram Hazarika prayed for a family pension of Rs.30 p.m. for herself and Rs.46 p.m. for her daughter who were dependents on Late Buluram Hazarika ?
- (i) Whether it is a fact that the D.H.S., Assam under his No. NMCP. 10/57/11277, dated 7th May 1958 sanctioned Rs. 7.85 nP. per month to the mother of late Buluram Hazarika as family pension ?
- (j) Whether it is a fact that the mother of late Buluram Hazarika further prayed to D.H.S., Assam ; Medical Minister, Assam and the Chief Minister, Assam to raise her pension to Rs.30 p.m. and to sanction another pension of Rs 46 p.m. to her daughter Srimati Bimola Hazarika and to sanction a lump sum amount of Rs.2,000 for the marriage ceremony of the sister of late Buluram Hazarika ?
- (k) If so, what steps Government have taken to re-consider her prayer ?
- (l) Whether it is a fact that no authority for the amount of Rs. 7.85 nP. already sanctioned as family pension per month to the mother of late Buluram Hazarika could be issued by the Accountant General, Assam for want of the signature of the D.H.S., Assam in the original sanctioning letter sent to A.G., Assam for issuing authority ?
- (m) If so, why such irregularity was made ?
- (n) Whether it is a fact that the A.G., Assam requested the D.H.S. to issue fresh sanctioning letter having his signature in the claimant ?
- (o) If so, what action has been taken by the D.H.S., Assam so far ?

(p) Whether Government propose to pay the arrear pay of late Buluram Hazarika in the revised scale of pay of 1956 from 1st October 1956 to 26th December 1956, all his T.A. bills kept still unpaid, and reasonable amount of family pension?

(q) Whether the person or persons at fault for not disposing the claims of pay already paid in the pre-revised scale, all T.A. bills and family pension for such a pretty long period of of almost 6 years be departmentally punished after a proper enquiry?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister-in-charge of Medical) replied:

837. (a) to (q)—The information is being collected.

Re: Development of Badarpur Dispensary as Primary Health Unit

Shri ABDUL JALIL CHOWDHURY (Badarpur) asked:

838. Will the Minister-in-charge of Medical be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that the Civil Surgeon, Cachar proposed to develop the Badarpur Dispensary as a Primary Health Unit?

(b) Whether it is a fact that the then Minister-in-charge of Medical in the year 1957-58, while visiting the aforesaid dispensary assured the public to convert this dispensary into a Primary Health Unit?

(c) Whether it is a fact that the Civil Surgeon, Cachar forwarded the plan assuring the availability of the land for the proposed Primary Health Unit at Badarpur?

(d) If so, what action has been taken in this regard?

(e) Whether it is a fact that the Kachua Dam Primary Health Unit is going to be shifted?

(f) If so, where it will be shifted?

(g) Whether Government propose to start the Primary Health Unit this year at Badarpur?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister-in-charge of Medical) replied:

838. (a)—There is no such record.

(b)—There is no such record.

(c)—No such plan is available.

(d)—Does not arise.

(e)—No.

(f)—Does not arise.

(g)—No.

Re: Primary Health Unit at Nawboisha

Shri MOHANANDA BORA (Bihpuria) asked :

839. Will the Minister-in-charge, Medical be pleased to state—

- (a) In which year the Primary Health Unit at Nawboisha A. P. headquarter was sanctioned ?
- (b) Whether the department has been in a position to open the Health Unit and if not, why not ?
- (c) Who is responsible for such unnecessary delay ?
- (d) Whether Government propose to fix the responsibilities and take some sort of stern measures ?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that the buildings so far constructed are defective ?
- (f) Whether it is a fact that the choukidar's quarter is far better than the Doctors ?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister-in-charge of Medical) replied :

839. (a)—One thousand nine hundred and fifty-nine.

(b), (c) and (d)—The buildings were completed except Septic Tank, Sanitary fittings and overhead Tank in December, 1960, and were occupied by the Nowboisha Anchalik Panchayat and Development Block under instruction of Subdivisional Officer (Civil). These buildings were vacated by the B. D. O. in November, 1961. These incomplete items of work as mentioned above are expected to be completed early. For the delay in completing these items, the Executive Engineer concerned has been asked to submit a report.

(e)—No.

(f)—The Doctor's quarter was not made by this Department. It was already in existence before we took over. We provided only the cook house and the sanitary fittings therein.

Re: Introduction of Reformatory Measures in Jails

Shri DULAL CHANDRA BARUA (Jorhat) asked :

840. Will the Minister in-charge of Jails be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government propose to introduce reformatory measures in the Jails of Assam ?

- (b) If so, whether Government propose to consider the separation of the Jail Department from the Medical Department and entrusting the same to a separate full-time departmental head and Jail Superintendent as the fundamental prerequisite for efficient implementation of such reforms ?
- (c) Why the Jail Department has not yet been separated as has already been done in other States of India ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that Jail Reforms Committee set up by the Government of Assam after Independence recommended such separation for efficient administration of the Jails facilitating smooth implementation of certain reformatory measures ?
- (e) What are the reasons for not separating the Jail Department from the Medical Department as yet ?
- (f) Whether it is a fact that there is a number of trained Jailors and Assistant Jailors including one or two with post-graduate Social Science Diploma ?
- (g) If so, what measures Government are taking for utilisation of the training of such trained jail personnel ?
- (h) Whether it is a fact that the Government takes a long time to announce the results of the recommendations of the Jail Advisory Board and as a result the prisoners concerned have to remain in a state of suspense and many of them are released without getting the benefit of the recommendations of the Advisory Board ?
- (i) If so, why ?

Shri MAHENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Minister, Jails) replied:

840. (a)—The State Government have already introduced various reformatory measures in the Jails.

(b) & (c)—The question of separation of the Jail Department from that of Medical Department is under active consideration of Government.

(d)—Yes, in 1956.

(e)—Does not arise in view of reply to (b) and (c) above.

(f)—Yes, there are 3 trained Jailors and 14 trained Assistant Jailors. Out of the 14 trained Assistant Jailors, one has the post-graduate Social Science Diploma.

(g)—Their training too being utilised for better administration of the Jails.

(h)—There are several points which require consideration by the Government before the recommendation of the Jail Advisory Board can be given effect to. Such recommendation cannot be given effect to merely as a matter of routine. It is not correct to say that long time is taken to pass orders in that behalf. Jail Advisory Board's recommendations are given effect to for the release of the prisoners if found to be acceptable by the Government.

(i)—Does not arise.

Re: Galakey Reserve

Shri TANKESWAR CHETIA (Nazira) asked :

841. Will the Minister-in-charge of Forests be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether the Galakey Reserve of the Sibsagar Division extends on the entire border of the N. H. T. A. of the Sibsagar District ?
- (b) Whether Government are aware that Amguri is the gate of the N. H. T. A. into the Plains ?
- (c) Whether Government propose to open a full-fledged Beat office at Amguri and transfer the administration of the Galakey Reserve from the Mariani Range to the Sibsagar Range for efficient supervision ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that the Range Officer at Mariani is not readily available to the permit holders of Galakey Reserve Forest because of long distance and transport difficulties ?
- (e) Whether Government propose to enquire as to whether the Range Officer could complete the marking and passing of timbers granted on permit to different persons during the period from 1956 to 1961 ?
- (f) Whether it is a fact that due to non-availability of the officers of this Range to help the permit-holders in time, they (*i. e.*, the permit holders) are very often compelled to renew the permits again and again ?
- (g) Whether Government are aware that due to non-availability of officers to mark and pass the timbers in time, the permit holders are sometimes compelled to take recourse to illegal felling and sawing of timbers ?

Shri LALIT KUMAR DOLEY (Deputy Minister, Forests) replied :

841. (a)—No.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—There is already a Sub-beat at Ainguri. Regarding a full-fledged beat, the matter is under investigation. The Sibsagar Range is already over-burdened with the works as all the areas under the Sibsagar Subdivision are under this Range except Galaky Reserve which is kept under Mariani Range for better administration. The Galaky Reserve is again leased to Messrs. Woodcrafts (Assam), Mariani along with three other Reserve Desoi, Desoi Valley and Tiru Hills and so it becomes convenient to keep it under Mariani Range.

(d)—It is not a fact.

(e)—Regular marking and passing was given to persons who have approached for this and there was no complaint, no difficulty, as far as the Department is aware of.

(f)—In a few cases the permit-holder had to renew the order as they did not come to take up marking and passing by paying security, etc., in time.

(g)—No.

Re: Formation of Assam Forest Regulation

Shri TARAPADA BHATTACHARJEE (Katigora, asked:

842. Will the Minister-in-charge of Law be pleased to state—

(a) Whether the Rules under section 72 (d) of the Assam Forest Regulation was framed?

(b) Whether Government propose to revise the Rules in the light of fundamental rights guaranteed by the Constitution?

Shri LALIT KUMAR DOLEY (Deputy Minister, Forests) replied:

842. (a)—The Rule was framed as here Government Notification No.543-R, dated 14th February, 1916.

A copy of section 72(d) of the Assam Forest Regulation, 1891 (VII of 1891) together with a copy of the above Rules is placed on the Library Table.

(b)—It is not understood how the question of fundamental rights come in, in regard to the question relating to payment of rewards to informers, etc.

Re: Surrendering of amounts by each Department at the end of the Financial year

Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH (Amguri) asked :

843. Will the Minister, Finance be pleased to state —

- (a) The amount that had been surrendered by each Department at the end of the last financial year, i.e., 1961-62 ?
- (b) The reason as to why this surrender had to be made.

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Finance) replied :

843. (a)—A statement (Statement A) showing the amount of surrender by each Department has been placed on the Library table. It may, however, be mentioned that so far as the voted section of the accounts is concerned, the original grant (gross) and Supplementary Demands were :—

	Original/ Trs.	S/D.Trs.	Total/Trs.	Surrender/ Trs.	Final grant/Trs.
(1) Non-Plan ..	45,90,68	3,69,31	49,68,89	6,83,22	42,85,67
(2) Plan including Centrally sponsored Schemes.	19,69,84	1,58,77	21,28,61	2,14,98	19,13,63
Total ..	65,69,42	5,28,08	70,97,50	8,98,20	61,99,30

Under "Non-Plan" the "gross voted" final grant stood at Rs.49,68.89 lakhs out of Rs.683.22 lakhs was surrendered.

Under "Plan", the original Budget provision was for Rs.1969.64 lakhs including provision for the State Plan of Rs.1,866.16 lakhs and Centrally sponsored Schemes Rs.103.68 lakhs. The Planning Commission subsequently fixed the target for the State Plan for 1961-62 at Rs.17.18 crores net (Rs.17.31 crores gross). Thus a surrender of Rs.1.35 crores from the State Plan was inescapable as the expenditure had to be limited to the approved ceiling of Rs.17.31 crores. The actual surrender under the Plan has been Rs.214.98 lakhs indicating a shortfall in the Plan expenditure of Rs.80 lakhs, i.e., 4.3 per cent only out of a total approved Plan ceiling of Rs.17.31 crores for State Plan Schemes, and Rs.1.04 crores for Centrally Sponsored Schemes, total Rs.18.35 crores.

The above figures are only grants and their modifications. It will take some time to know about the actual expenditure incurred under these grants during the last year.

(b) --A statement (Statement B) showing the reasons for surrender under each sub-head of each grant is placed on the Library table.

Re: Purchase of Cinema Equipment**Shri LAKSHMI PRASAD GOSWAMI (Laharighat)** asked :**844. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—**

- (a) Whether Government have lately purchased some essential cinema equipments for outdoor shooting in connection with the proposed studio ?
- (b) Whether Government have invited tender from firms ?
- (c) If so, how many tenders Government received and the name of the firm with whom the order for supply of the equipments was placed and what were the terms ?
- (d) When the equipments were delivered ?
- (e) Whether the equipments were fully tested before making the final payment ?
- (f) If so, who was the expert who tested the equipments ?
- (g) Where are these equipments now and how they have been utilised ?
- (h) Why it is necessary to keep the Directorate of Publicity, Cultural Affairs and the Exhibition Wing under the same Director ?
- (i) Whether Government propose to open a separate Directorate for the cultural affairs and sports ?
- (j) The number of vehicles in the Publicity Department ?
- (k) What is the number of vehicles stationed at the headquarters at Shillong at present ?
- (l) The year in which vehicles No.ASA.2763 was purchased, from whom and at what cost ?
- (m) Whether it is a Desoto Car ?
- (n) What is the mileage covered by this car till the first week of June 1962 ?
- (o) The purpose for which this Desoto Car is being used ?
- (p) The names of other departmental heads using Desoto car ?
- (q) The number of times the car was repaired in garage, the name of the garage and the total expenditure incurred in repairs ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

884. (a) - Yes.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—Government received 8 (eight) tenders from various firms. The order was placed with Messrs. Educational Films Centre, Bombay, who supplied the equipments through the actual importers and sole distributors of the equipments in India.

The terms of the purchase were as follows :—

(1) The article must be brand new and in perfect working condition.

(2) Purchase of the articles will be subject to satisfactory work.

(3) Articles should be properly packed and insured to avoid loss or damage in transit.

(4) The articles should be delivered to the representative of the Government at Bombay after proper demonstration without obligation on our part.

(d)—In the year 1961 and in 1962.

(e)—Yes.

(f)—Shri Krishna Gopal who was the Senior Director of the Films Division, Government of India.

(g)—The equipments are in the Directorate of Information and Publicity, Shillong. The equipment will be utilised for outdoor shooting as soon as the technical staff is appointed.

(h)—The Cultural Affairs and the Exhibition Wing came into being as a result of original initiation of the proposal by the Directorate of Information and Publicity. It is therefore not correct to think that these two wings had existed from before and at a later date attached to the Directorate of Information and Publicity. Activities under the Cultural Affairs and Exhibition Wings are part of the normal work of this Directorate.

(i)—It is not in the contemplation of the Government at present.

(j) —There are 28 vehicles in all.

(k)—Twelve vehicles including seven vehicles meant for Subdivisional Publicity Offices, which are being established soon.

(l)—The vehicle No. ASA.2763 was purchased in the year 1957 from Messrs Walford Transport Limited, Dibrugarh, through the Transport Department at a price of Rs.20,368.94 nP. only including insurance and other charges.

(m)—Yes.

(n)—47,344 miles.

(o)—It is a staff car allotted to the department for conducted press tours and for conveyance of Press Representatives covering important tours and for inspection of District and Subdivisional Publicity Offices.

(p)—None so far information available.

(q)—Thirty-two times. Messrs. Goenka Engineering Works, Shillong, H. M. Sharif & Sons, Shillong, Khan Motor Works, Shillong, A. A. Nagi & Sons, Shillong, India Motor and Cycle Works, Jorhat, Saral Motor Com.; Gauhati, Bharat Automobiles, Gauhati.—Rs.1,961.27nP.

Re: Improvement of Rangamati-Kalaigaon Road

Shri DANDIRAM DUTTA (Kalaigaon) asked :

845. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department (R&B) be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that one Shri Sampa Ram Dutta of Mangaldai was intrusted by the Executive Engineer, Mangaldai on 2nd March 1959 for supplying 3,400 cft. of gravels at the rate of Rs. 71 per 100 cft. for improvement of Rangamati-Kalaigaon Road in the Mangaldai Civil Subdivision ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that a sum of Rs.2,414 is still due to the said contractor on account of supplying the above gravels ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that several representations were submitted by the said contractor to this effect. ?
- (d) If so, what action has been taken ?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that due to the lapses of the officer concerned the gravel collection permit was issued on 13th April 1959 by the S. D. O., P. W. D., Tangla showing 2nd April 1959 as the last date of the permit ?
- (f) If so, why and how this can be feasible ?
- (g) Whether it is a fact that the Sectional Officer, Kalaigaon took measurement of the gravel collected by Shri Dutta on 31st May 1959 in his absence without obtaining his signature in the measurement book of the Department ?
- (g) Whether it is a fact that the S. D. O., P. W. D., Tangla checked measurement on 28th May 1959 before the date of measurement taken by the Sectional Officer, Kalaigaon ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI [Minister of State, P W D. (R. & B. Wing)] replied :

845. (a) —Yes, Shri Champaram Dutta was allotted of 4,000 cft. of gravel, *vide* tender No. 79T of 1958-59 at the rate of Rs 71 per 100 cft.

(b) —An amount of Rs. 341.00 is outstanding and not Rs. 2,414.00 for supply of gravels.

(c) & (d) —Yes. The Contractor is claiming a sum of Rs. 2,414.00 against Rs. 341.00 due to him. Contractor has not yet received payment.

(e) & (f) —These are under examination.

(g) —Contractor did not attend the measurement on due date, and as reported, he was asked to attend measurements.

(h) —This is under examination.

Re: Displaced T. B. Patients

Shri TARAPADA BHATTACHARJEE (Katigora) asked :

846. Will the Minister-in-charge, Medical be pleased to state —

- (a) The total number of displaced T. B. patients receiving financial assistance for treatment during the year 1961-62 ?
- (b) The amount sanctioned per family ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that the payment for maintenance for family members of the T. B. patients have been discontinued from last April ?
- (d) If so, why ?
- (e) Whether Government is aware that after the payment was stopped some T. B. patients have expired due to want of food and medicines ?
- (f) If so, names of those T. B. patients with their addresses ?
- (g) Whether it is a fact that the Medical and Education Branches of the Relief and Rehabilitation Department have been handed over to the regular departments ?
- (h) If so, when these branches have been handed over ?
- (i) What was the total amount sanctioned for assistance for T. B. patients during the year 1961-62 and when the amount was sanctioned ?
- (j) What was the amount spent upto November 1961 ?

(k) Whether it is a fact that a twelve bedded T. B. Ward has been constructed and attached to Silchar Civil Hospital long ago but not opened till now ?

(l) If so, why the T. B. Ward was not opened so long ?

(m) Whether Government is aware that one Suresh Chandra Das of Saraspur Colony under Katigora P.S. expired about two months back being unable to procure a seat in any Hospital ?

(n) How many beds are 'earmarked' in Cachar Hospitals for displaced T. B. patients ?

(o) Whether it is a fact that no payment has been made to displaced T. B. patients after November, 1961 ?

(p) If so, why ?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister-in-charge of Medical)
replied :

346. (a) to (p)—The information is being collected.

Re: Admission of Students into Medical College

Dr. HOMESWAR DEB CHOUDHURY (Patacharkuchi) asked :

347. Will the Minister, Medical be pleased to state—

(a) How many students were admitted into the Medical Colleges of Assam in 1961 ?

(b) How many of them are I.Sc., passed, I. A. passed and Degree holders ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that some Matric passed and Intermediate plucked students have been admitted into the College ?

(d) If so, how many ?

(e) Who gave them permission to be admitted ?

(f) Who is responsible for such admission ?

(g) Whether any action has been taken against the persons responsible for such admission ?

(h) Whether these students are still in Medical College Roll ?

(i) Of the total student admitted in 1961, how many are Assamese students, how many from other States and how many are non-Indians ?

(j) Of the non-Indians, how many are from Pakistan ?

(k) Whether Pakistan Government asked for such admission ?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister-in-charge of Medical) replied :

847. (a)—Two hundred and ten students were granted admission.

(b)—One hundred and eighty-eight I. Sc. passed; 4 B. Sc. passed; I. A. one, as Arts students are not eligible for admission in the Medical College.

(c), (d) & (e) Yes, one was admitted under the following circumstances.

One Md. Isfaque Rohman who is not an I. Sc. passed candidate impersonated for real Isfaque Rohman, a First Division I. Sc. candidate who was granted admission in the Medical College, Gauhati but did not join. On detection by the Principal the matter was reported to the Police. The case is still subjudice.

(f)—In case of impersonation in body can be held responsible.

(g)—Please refer to the answer to (c), (d) (e) above.

(h)—No.

(i)—Of the 210 granted admissions, 204 joined the Colleges. Of these 117 are Assamese speaking and 84 others resident of Assam, speaking Bengali, Khasi, Lushai etc. One non-Indian, a Colombo Plan nominee. Three from other States.

(j)—None.

(k)—No.

Re: Post of Assistants in the D. H. S., Assam

Shri LAKSHMI PRASAD GOSWAMI (Laharighat) asked :

848. Will the Medical Minister be pleased to state—

(a) Number of posts of Office Assistants sanctioned in the Office of the Director of Health Services, Assam as a consequence of taking over the Local Board Dispensaries by the State Government from 1st April 1959 ?

(b) Whether any increase in the posts of Office Assistants has been sanctioned to the Civil Surgeons Offices, as a consequence of taking over all the Local Board Dispensaries from 1st April, 1959, and if so, what is that number ?

(c) If not, whether there is increase in volume of work in the Office of the Medical Directorate only, and not in the District Civil Surgeons' Office?

(d) The reason for not providing additional staff to District Offices?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKREJEE (Minister-in-charge of Medical) replied:

848. (a)—One Upper Division Assistant and 2 Lower Division Assistants.

(b)—No Office Assistant has been sanctioned as the statistics of the existing staff in each Civil Surgeon's Office do not justify. Seven posts of Typist have been sanctioned for seven plains district.

(c) & (d)—Do not arise.

Re: Local Board Dispensaries

Shri TARAPADA BHATTACHARJEE (Katigora) asked:

849. Will the Minister-in-charge of Medical be pleased to state—

(a) How many Local Board Dispensaries were provincialised in 1947?

(b) How many Doctors, Pharmacist and or Compounders and other employees had been serving in those dispensaries at that time?

(c) Whether all of them have been absorbed by the Government?

(d) Whether all those incumbents were permanent in their service at that time?

(e) If so, whether their services been taken into account after provincialisation?

(f) Whether it is a fact that all those incumbents are still working as temporary hands?

(g) If so, when they will be confirmed and whether with retrospective effect?

(h) Whether the Minister has received any representation from the Pharmacists' Association demanding confirmation with retrospective effect of all such employees of provincialised 5 districts hospital?

(i) Whether the Minister received any representation from the Pharmacists' Association for inclusion of one nominated member to Assam Pharmacists' Council from the southern zone of Assam as there is no member from this zone?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister-in-charge of Medical) replied :

849. (a)—None.

(b) to (g)—Do not arise.

(h)—Yes, during the later part of last month proposal for permanent retention of all categories of staff of 5 districts hospital is under consideration.

(i)—Yes.

Re State Dispensaries in the State

Shri DANDI RAM DUTTA (Kalaigaon) asked :

850. Will the Minister-in-charge of Health be pleased to state—

(a) How many State Dispensaries are there in the State ?

(b) How many of them are without Doctor and how many of them are without Pharmacist ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that Dumuni-Chowki State Dispensary in the Mangaldai Subdivision is without Pharmacist since a long time ?

(d) Whether it is a fact that the Minister-in-charge of Medical replied to an unstarred question asked by the questioner on the 7th April 1961 that steps were being taken by Government to sanction the post of a Pharmacist without delay ?

(e) What more time will be required to sanction the post and appoint a Pharmacist in the State Dispensary at Dumuni-Chowki ?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister-in-charge of Medical) replied :

850. (a)—Seven hundred & nine (including the 71 Primary Health Units and 159 Subsidised Dispensaries).

(b)—Number of Dispensaries (excluding Primary Health Units and Subsidised Dispensaries) without Doctors—63.

Number of Dispensaries without Pharmacists. Information is being called for from the District offices.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—Yes.

(e)—The post of Pharmacist at Dumuni-Chowki Dispensary is expected to be shortly.

Re: Government Subsidised Dispensary in Singarpara

Shri SARAT CHANDRA GOSWAMI (Kamalpur) asked:

851. Will the Medical Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that the Governor of Assam was pleased to sanction the opening of a Government Subsidised Dispensary at Singarpara in Kamrup District with effect from 1st January 1962 or from the date of actual opening whichever is later?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that the sanction was communicated to the Director of Health Services, Assam, by the Medical Department of the Government of Assam by letter No.MMD.13/58/182 of January, 1962?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that this Subsidised Dispensary was sanctioned in the year 1951 and Medical Secretary conveyed the order to the I. G. C. H. by Government letter No.MMD.121/51/24 of 25th April 1951?
- (d) Whether Government be pleased to refer to the letters (i) No.CII-4B/51/14262 of 30th April 1951, from the Director of Public Health to the Secretary, Singarpara Dispensary, and (ii) No.M/9/A/6613-14 of 10th July, 1951 from Civil Surgeon, Kamrup to the Secretary of the said Dispensary Committee by which the public were asked to construct Dispensary buildings?
- (e) Whether the Dispensary has been opened in pursuance of the order of the Government communicated to the Director of Health Services by letter No.MMD.13/58/182 of January 1962?
- (f) Whether the sanctioned amount of this Dispensary which had also the concurrence of Finance Department *vide* their un-official No. 4/62 of 10th January 1962, has lapsed for non-utilisation in the financial year 1961-62?
- (g) For whose fault the Dispensary could not be opened even though funds were provided and the Dispensary Committee intimated the appointment of a qualified doctor for the Dispensary?
- (h) Whether Government will be pleased to take immediate and effective steps for opening the Dispensary for which the public of the backward locality have been patiently waiting for long 11 years after constructing the Dispensary buildings as asked by the Government?
- (i) When the Dispensary is going to be opened?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister-in-charge, Medical) replied:

851. (a) to (i)—Information is being collected.

Re: Internal administration of Nowgong Civil Hospital

Shri LAKSHMI PRASAD GOSWAMI (Laharighat) asked:

852. Will the Minister-in-charge Medical be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government have lately received complaint against the internal administration of the Nowgong Civil Hospital?
- (b) Whether Government have enquired into the allegations made by public of Nowgong against some doctors of the Nowgong Civil Hospital?
- (c) The steps Government have taken or propose to take against the doctors concerned?
- (d) Steps the Government propose to take to improve the internal administration of the Hospital concerned?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that there is allegation against some doctors of the Civil Hospital regarding destroying dying declaration of one Mantu Dutta in collaboration with the alleged accused persons in order to conceal evidence?
- (f) If so, what steps Government have taken against these doctors.

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister-in-charge of Medical) replied:

852. (a)—No such complaint was received by Government.

(b)&(c)—In 1960 a complaint against Dr. N. N. Bhagawati, Assistant Surgeon I, was received and enquired into. Doctor was not found at fault.

In July last a complaint has also been received against the staff and enquiry is being made.

(d)—Does not arise as there is no specific complaint in this regard.

(e)&(f)—The matter is under investigation.

Re: Appointment of Departmental Overseer under P. W. D. Subdivision

Shri LAKSHMI PRASAD GOSWAMI asked:

953. Will the Minister, Medical be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government propose to appoint at least one departmental overseer under each P. W. D. subdivision to ensure prompt action in so far it relates to the buildings of Health Department?

- (b) Whether Government propose to examine the work load and responsibilities in district offices and to sanction more staff ?
- (c) Whether Government propose to provide departmental quarters to the ministerial staff of Medical Department ?
- (d) Whether Government propose to provide district offices with sufficient number of Upper Division Assistants in view of the fact of increased volume and responsibilities of the works in district Civil Surgeons' Offices ?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister-in-charge of Medical) replied :

853. (a)—There is no such proposal to appoint Departmental overseer under each P. W. D. Subdivision.

(b)—Yes, the matter has already been receiving due consideration of Government. Steps as may be necessary will be taken in due course.

(c)—There is no such proposal at present.

(d)—Sanction to the Upper Division posts in individual offices is always given in consideration of work load in such offices.

Re: Primary Health Units

Shri TILOK GOGOI (Teok) asked :

854. Will the Minister-in-charge, Medical be pleased to state—

- (a) How many Primary Health Units have been started so far in different parts of the State ?
- (b) Whether they all are equipped with qualified doctors and staff ?
- (c) If not, what steps are taken by the Government to provide the same ?
- (d) What is the procedure of supplying medicines to the Primary Health Units and to the Subsidised Hospital ?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that the Medicines are supplied by the District Medical Officers after receiving indent from the Doctors ?
- (f) Whether it is a fact that those Medicines which are not at all necessary or not demanded in the indent are generally supplied ?

- (g) Whether it is a fact that District Officers in most cases supply medicines to the Subsidised Hospitals double than the Government grants and thus create new troubles to the Institutions ?
- (h) What medicines and injections are available in different Hospitals, for the patients free of charges ?
- (i) Whether the Doctors of the Primary Health Units are allowed private practice ?
- (j) What is the rate of payment for a visit while the Doctors go outside the Hospitals ?
- (k) Whether there is any fixed amount to be charged by the Doctor for a delivery case in a private-house ?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister in-charge, Medical)
replied :

854. (a)—Seventy-one.

(b)—Yes, so far as qualified Doctors are concerned. As regards other staff most of the Primary Health Units could not be provided with full staff primarily owing to the non-availability of quarters and secondly due to dearth of some categories of qualified personnels, viz. Lady Health Visitor or Nurse with Public Health Orientations training.

(c)—Does not arise in respect of Doctors. As regards other staff, efforts are being made to meet the requirements as early as possible.

(d)—The purchase Board calls for tender which when approved is sent to all intending Officers of the District for purchase and supply of medical stores to all hospitals, dispensaries and primary Health Units, etc. There is nothing called subsidised hospitals, these are called subsidised dispensaries.

(e)—Yes, that is the procedure.

(f)—No. There is no such report.

(g)—No There is no such report from anywhere.

(h)—A list showing medicines and Injections available free of charge is placed on the Library Table.

(i)—Yes.

(j)—The following rates are fixed for Doctors for visiting patients outside the hospitals.

1. Civil Surgeon—Rs.10	}	Double the rates applicable after 10 P.M
2. Asstt. Surgeon I—Rs.5		
3. Asstt. Surgeon II—Rs.3		

(k)—There is no fixed rate prescribed. It is a matter of mutual agreement.

Re: Object of Nowgong Co-operative Jute Baling Society

Shri LAKSHMI PRASAD GOSWAMI (Laharighat) asked :

855 .Will the Minister, Co-operation be pleased to state—

- (a) The object of the Nowgong Co-operative Jute Baling Society as enumerated in the bye-laws ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that the Jute Baling Society took up paddy procurement instead of Jute Baling from its very inception, i.e., since 1957-58 ?
- (c) The amount of dues outstanding to the suppliers of paddy ?
- (d) The amount overdrawn by the agents from the Society and yet to be realised from the agents ?
- (e) The names of the Chairman, Secretary and Accountant since 1957-58?
- (f) The total receipts and expenditure of the Society till the end of 1959 ?
- (g) Whether the accounts of the Society was audited ?
- (h) If so, whether Government will be pleased to lay a copy of the audit report on the Library table.

Shri LALIT KUMAR DOLEY (Deputy Minister, Co-operation) replied :

855. (a) —The objects of the Nowgong Co-operative Jute Baling Society as per bye-laws are as follows :

Bye Law No.4 Objects :

To do all things necessary to promote and develop the economic interests of the members and in particulars :—

- (i) To establish a Jute Baling Mill at Nowgong for the purpose of Baling Jute produced in the Nowgong District.
- (ii) To export Jute Baled in the Mill.
- (iii) To organise the Primary produces on Jute on Co-operative lines in order to enable them to market their Jute at fair and reasonable price.
- (iv) To promote and develop Jute cultivation in the area for the benefit of the growers.

(b) —Yes. The Society took up paddy procurement business from December, 1953 to July, 1959.

(c)—The amount of dues outstanding to the 11 suppliers of paddy is Rs-15,651.46 nP.

(d)—The amount overdrawn by the sub-agents from the society and yet to be realised from 16 sub-agents is Rs.20,804.04 nP.

(e)—The names of the Chairman, Secretary, and the Accountant from 1957-58.

Chairman—Shri Golok Chandra Baruah from 25th Apr 1958 upto 12th October, 1961.

Shri Ram Nath Sharma from 30th October, 1961 to 17th July, 1962 on which date he resigned, resignation not accepted.

Secretary—Shri Ilaram Das upto 15th July, 1961. On 15th July, 1961 Shri Ilaram Das handed over charge to Shri Abdul Wahed, Assistant Co-operative Officer who again handed over charge to Shri Dharendra Nath Deka, Assistant Co-operative Officer on 4th September 1961.

Accountant—Shri Gaurisankar Khatowala from 21st January 1959 to 31st July, 1959.

(f)—The total receipt and expenditure of the Society till the end of 1959:

Total receipts...10,71,858.46 nP.

Total expenditure...10,71,571.06 nP.

(g)—Yes upto 1960-61.

(h)—A copy of the balance sheet is laid on the Library Table.

Re: Overloading of North Gauhati-Barpeta Buses

Shri TAJUDDIN AHMED (Tarabari) asked :

856. Will the Minister, Transport be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government is aware that in all the buses plying from Barpeta to North Gauhati there are overloading of passengers ?

(b) What steps Government are taking to minimise the overloading ?

Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Transport Minister) replied :

856. (a)—Cases of overloading in some buses plying on the route have come to notice.

(b)—Regional Transport Authority, Gauhati has recently increased the number of permit for placing more buses on the route which is expected to eliminate scope for overloading. Measures to detect and punish cases of overloading are also being intensified.

Re: Construction of Transport offices at Goalpara District

Shri HAKIM CHANDRA RABHA (Dudnai) asked :

857. Will the Minister in-charge, State Transport be pleased to state—

(a) Whether State Transport Authority have lately received demanding construction of transport offices at Darangiri, Dhenubhanga and Amjonga in the Subdivision of Goalpara ?

(b) If so, whether Government have made up their minds to translate it into action ?

(c) If so, when ?

Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Transport Minister) replied :

857. (a)—Yes.

(b)—State Transport bus stations (Offices) or waiting sheds are normally provided at places where passenger, earning is at least Rs.150 per day on an average, if such places are not within a distance of 5 miles from other Stations or sub-stations. As these three places do not fulfil those conditions the question of constructing transport offices therein has not so far been taken up.

(c)—Does not arise.

Re: Minimum Wages Act for Labourers

Shri MAHADEB DAS [Bhabanipur (Reserved for Scheduled Castes)] asked :

858. Will the Minister in-charge, P. W. D., (R. & B.) be pleased to state—

(a) Whether labourers engaged in road construction under the Public Works Department are brought under the purview of the Minimum Wages Act ?

(b) If so, from which date ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that those labourers were not given benefit of pay, weekly holidays and other paid holidays from that date particularly in the Barpeta P. W. D. Division.

(d) If so, whether Government propose to give benefit or wages and paid holiday with retrospective effect ?

(e) Whether labourers engaged in road construction, etc., under Pubile Works Department get a paid, weekly holiday after rendering six days work ?

(1) If so, whether this benefit has been given in uniform manner?

(g) Whether it is a fact, that for the purpose of giving in paid holiday benefits seven working days are counted and on this basis of paid holiday is given to the workers in Barpeta Public Works Department Division?

(h) If so, whether Government proposed to compensate the loss of wages to the workers?

(i) Whether it is also a fact that when there are five Sundays in the month, labourers under Public Works Department particularly in Barpeta Public Works Department Division are paid wages only for four Sundays?

(j) If so, whether Government propose to give the wages to the labourers for five Sundays in such cases instead of four Sundays in a month?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI [Minister of State, P. W. D. (R. & B. Wing)] replied :

858. (a)—‘Yes’.

(b)—31st December 1954.

(c) & (d)—The rate of wages paid to P. W. D., Labourers including those in Barpeta Division are generally higher than the rates fixed under the Act.

The benefit of weekly paid holidays has been given effect to in Barpeta Division from 1st November 1959.

The benefit of other paid holidays were given from August, 1958 and this benefit has been given effect to from the said month in Barpeta Division.

(e) & (f)—‘Yes’ Uniform policy has been adopted throughout the State. For labourers engaged in road maintenance work, this benefit has been given from 1961.

(g)—No, weekly holidays are counted on the basis of six working days.

(h)—Does not arise.

(i)—No, it is not a fact.

(j)—Does not arise.

Re: Republic and Independence Day wage to labourers under Public Works Department

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA (Thowra) asked :

859. Will the Minister-in-charge, Public Works Department (R. & B.) be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is fact that the Government have decided to pay the Wage of Republic Day and of Independence Day since 1958 to temporary as well as permanent workers of Public Works Department, including the Muster Roll Workers ?

(b) If so, whether payment was accordingly made as per decision from 1958 up-to date ?

(c) If not, when the payment will be made up-to-date ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI [Minister of State, Public Works Department (R. and B.)] replied :

859. (a)—Yes, Government have decided to pay Wages on Republic Day and Independence Day to the Muster Roll Workers with effect from 9th August, 1958.

(b) & (c)—26 Divisions have paid accordingly from 1958 up-to-date for Republic Day and Independence Day.

Regarding the other 9 Divisions—the matter is under correspondence and payments will be expedited.

Re: Over-time allowance to Election Department

Shri TARAPADA BHATTACHARJEE (Katigora) asked :

860. Will the Finance Minister be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that Government decided to pay over-time allowances to the employees of Election Department for doing over-time works during the last General Elections ?

(b) If so, what is the amount Government propose to pay and when the payment will be made to the employees concerned ?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Finance) replied :

860. (a)—Government have not made any decision in the matter.

(b)—Does not arise.

Re: Flood damage places of Bajali Circle

Dr. HOMESWAR DEB CHOUDHURY (Patacharkuchi) asked :

861. Will the Minister, Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Finance Minister, Revenue Minister, Medical Minister and Supply Minister visited the heavily flood affected places of Bajali Circle ?

(b) How many human lives were lost in the flood in this Circle ?

(c) What is the approximate loss (in term of money) of crops and of Government and private properties ?

(d) Whether the Ministers visited the portion of the (i) Submerged Patacharkuchi-Kaklabari Road (ii) Doloigaon and Palash Simalubari village and paddy fields in between Kaldia and Beojara River (iii) Erosion of Patacharkuchi-Bhaluki-Rampur Road near Patacharkuchi, (iv) Crops damaged in Sahira Mauza, (v) Breaches of Western Embankment of Pahumara River at Medhikuchi and Puthimari village, (vi) Crops damaged in Hastinapur Mauza and (vii) Crops damaged near Saderi village ?

(e) What steps are being taken to these affected areas both in terms of relief to the affected persons as well as to the damages caused ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Minister of State for Revenue) replied :

861. (a)—Yes.

(b)—3 persons died by accidental drowning in course of the flood.

(c)—About Rs.33,12,000.

(d)—Only Finance Minister and Revenue Minister visited the areas.

(e)—Loans are being issued in the areas where necessary. Repair of Public Works Department Roads and Embankments are being done departmentally. Proposals of Test Relief Works are under consideration. Actual figures cannot be supplied off hand.

Re: State Dispensary at Sukchar**Shri ZAHIRUL ISLAM (Mankachar)** asked :

862. Will the Minister-in-charge, Medical be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government is aware that State Dispensary at Sukchar is running without any medical officer since January last ?
- (b) Whether Government propose to appoint a medical officer immediately to relieve the suffering of the people of that area ?
- (c) Whether Government is aware that people have not been able to take full advantage of the Mankachar Matri Sadan established in 1957 due to the absence of a midwife and necessary equipments ?
- (d) Whether Government propose to provide the Mankachar Matri Sadan with a midwife and necessary equipments to make it a full-fledged Maternity Ward ?
- (e) Whether Government is aware that the average daily attendance of patients has become abnormally high at the Mankachar State Dispensary which has failed to provide Medical facilities to the thousands of people within a radius of 2½ miles ?
- (f) Whether Government propose to develop the Mankachar State Dispensary and make it a full-fledged Hospital with provision for indoor beds ?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister-in-charge of Medical) replied :

862. (a)—Due to retirement of Dr. Upendra Chandra Dey, Assistant Surgeon II of Sukchar Dispensary on 31st December 1961 the said Dispensary was without Doctor for some time.

(b).—One Assistant Surgeon II has joined on 12th June 1962.

(c) & (d).—We have not received any such complaint so far. Well equipped dispensary is only two furlongs from this Centre and it is under the charge of the Medical Officer of Mankachar State Dispensary. The Mankachar Matri Sadan or the Maternity and Child Welfare Centre though a furlong or two off from the main Dispensary it is a part and parcel of the main Dispensary and the Dhai posted there is under the supervision of the Medical Officer who runs the Maternity and Child Welfare Centre.

Medical Officer is being asked to let us know his additional requirement if any.

(e).—Government is not aware of the fact that the average daily attendance of patients is abnormally high but the patients are getting necessary treatment.

(f).—There is no such proposal at present.

Re: Leprosy Treatment Centre

Shri MATHIAS TUDU (Gossaigaon) asked :

863. Will the Minister-in-charge, Medical Department be pleased to state—

(a) Whether there is an outdoor Leprosy treatment Centre at Jooma Village under Gossaigaon P. S. ?

(b) What is the present state of that centre ?

(c) What are the number of buildings, Doctors and Compounders ?

(d) What are the number of patients treated in 1961-62 ?

(e) When the Centre was opened ?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister-in-charge of Medical) replied :

863. (a)—Yes.

(b)—The centre is now functioning as a Sub-centre under Dotoma Leprosy Subsidiary Centre and is attended once a week by the non-medical Assistant of Gossaigaon.

(c)—There are five buildings built by the Dhubri Local Board. There is no doctor or compounder attached to this.

(d)—Thirty Leprosy patients were treated during 1961 and thirty-eight Leprosy patients are under treatment, so far during the current year.

(e)—The Centre was opened on 1st July 1960.

Re: Doctor in the Majikuchi State Dispensary

Shri MOHI KANTA DAS (Barchalla) asked :

864. Will the Minister, Medical be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that there is no doctor in the Majikuchi State Dispensary (in Tezpur Subdivision) for the last one year ?

(b) If so, what is the reason for not appointing a doctor to this dispensary ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that there is no compounder even in this dispensary ?

(d) Whether Government propose to provide this dispensary with a doctor and a compounder without delay ?

- (e) Whether it is a fact that a building for the Maternity Centre at Majikuchi has not been completed up till now although construction commenced two years ago ?
- (f) What are the reasons for the inordinate delay ?
- (g) Whether Government will be pleased to see that the construction is completed without further delay so that the Maternity Centre may be started ?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister-in-charge of Medical) replied :

864. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Two doctors on contract basis were posted to Majikuchi Dispensary during last one year. But none of them resumed duty there. Another doctor has been posted on June, 1962 to the said dispensary and he has not yet joined.

(c)—No. There is one compounder in Majikuchi Dispensary.

(d)—Government are trying to provide a doctor in Majikuchi Dispensary. A compounder is already there.

(e) & (f)—Information from the Executive Engineer, Tezpur is being awaited.

(g) Necessary steps will be taken on receipt of information on (e) & (f) from the Executive Engineer concerned.

Re: Amalgamation of Medical and Public Health Department

Shri MOHI KANTA DAS (Barchalla) asked :

865. Will the Minister of Medical be pleased to state—

(a) Whether amalgamation of Medical and Public Health Departments has brought efficiency in the management of curative and preventive side under a single district officer (C. S.) ?

(b) If not whether Government be pleased to consider either to split up the plain district State some divisions as in case of P.W.D. Division or to separate the Medical from Public Health Department as before ?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister-in-charge of Medical) replied :

865. (a) & (b)—The amalgamation was made with the idea that will bring efficiency in the management both in the curative and preventive sides and it is still in experimental stage.

Re: State Malaria Officer

Dr. HOMESWAR DEB CHOUDHURY (Patacharkuehi) asked :

866. Will the Medical Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) Since when the State Malaria Officer, retired ?
- (b) Why the State Malaria Officer, has not yet been appointed after the retirement of the last State Malaria Officer ?
- (c) How many Malaria cases were there in the State for last 3 years (year by year) ?
- (d) Whether the official staff of State Malaria programme has been increased or decreased during the last two years and to what extent ?
- (e) Who is holding the charge of the State Malaria Officer ?
- (f) What amount of allowances has been given to the Officer holding charge of the State Malaria Officer ?
- (g) If not, why not ?
- (h) Whether all the villages and towns of the State have been covered by the programme ?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister in-charge of Medical) replied :

866. (a)—Since 31st May 1961.

(b)—After the retirement of last State Malaria Officer, Dr. S. K. Dutta was temporarily appointed as State Malaria Officer for a period from 23rd June 1961 to 22nd November 1961.

Dr. A. B. Roy, Deputy Director of Health Services (Headquarter), Shillong is holding charge with effect from 23rd November 1961 in addition to his own duties pending recruitment of a suitable candidate for the post of State Malaria Officer.

(c)—Year
1959
1960
1961

Malaria cases

110,290	These figures include both clinical and microscopic positive cases.
120,893	
64,419	

(d)—No staff has either been increased or decreased during the last two years.

(e)—As replied to (b) above.

(f) & (g)—The question of granting allowance to Dr. A. B. Roy, is under consideration of Government.

(h)—Yes.

Re: Farm Registration

Shri LAKSHMI PRASAD GOSWAMI (Laharighat) asked :

867. Will the Minister, Cottage Industries be pleased to state—

- (a) The number of applications received from farms for registration during the year ending on the 31st March, 1962 ?
- (b) The number of farms registered and the number awaiting registration ?
- (c) The number of Loan applications received in the office of the Cottage Industries, Nowgong during the year ending on the 31st March, 1962 ?
- (d) The name of the applicants and the farms, the date on which their applications were received in office and the distance of each farm from the district office ?
- (e) How many of these loan applications had been enquired into, the date on which each application was enquired, the name of the applicant and the amount sanctioned, if any ?
- (f) The date on which each of these applications was despatched to the State office at Shillong ?
- (g) The name of such farms receiving loans in that district during the year mentioned above ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

867. (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f) and (g)—The information is being collected.

Re: Construction of Padu Static Dispensary Building

Shri ENOWELL POHSHNA [Jowai (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] asked :

868. Will the Minister-in-charge, Public Works Department be pleased to state why the implementation of the following works has been delayed.

- (i) Construction of Padu Static Dispensary Building.

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI [Minister of State, P. W. D. (R. and B. Wing)] replied :

868. (i)—The information is being collected.

Re: Suspension of Sayed T. Ahmed Kazi, Executive Engineer

Shri TAJUDDIN AHMED (Tarabari) asked :

869. Will the Minister, Public Works Department (Embankment and Drainage) be pleased to state—

(a) When Sayed T. Ahmed Kazi, Executive Engineer was suspended ?

(b) How long the matter will required for finalisation ?

(c) What is the present state of the case ?

(d) Whether it is a fact that the suspended officer applied to get temporary advance from his G. P. Fund ?

(e) Whether it has been sanctioned ?

(f) If not, why ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI [Minister of State, Public Works Department (E.&D.)] replied :

869. (a) — 20th April, 1960.

(b) & (c) — Cases were registered against this officer along with others, out of which 13 cases have been charge-sheeted. These cases are subjudice. The investigation of the remaining 9 cases are complete and pending for requisite sanction orders from competent authorities.

(d) — Yes.

(e) — Yes.

(f) — Does not arise.

Re: Sanctional work-load responsibilities of District Offices

Shri MOHI KANTA DAS (Barchalla) asked :

870. (a) Will the Medical Minister be pleased to examine the work-load and responsibilities of district offices and to sanction more staff as are wanted according to yard stick of necessity of these officers ?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister in-charge of Medical) replied :

870. (a) — In view of the increase of volume of work and inadequate staff to cope with the increased work of Civil Surgeons' offices, Government have already sanctioned 7 posts of Typists and 11 posts of Accountant, for the Civil Surgeons' Offices and this has been done on the basis of yard stick.

Re: Steam Fertiliser lying unused in the Infection Hospital Compound at Gauhati.

Dr. GHANASHYAM DAS [North Salmara (Reserved for Scheduled Castes)] asked:

871. Will the Minister in-charge of Medical be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government are aware that a Steam Steriliser is lying unused in the Infection Hospital Compound at Gauhati?

(b) Why it is not being used?

(c) When this was purchased and at what cost?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister-in-charge of Medical) replied:

871. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Due to want of a permanent building for housing the said steriliser.

(c)—On 10th May 1956 at a cost of Rs.44,410-7-0 (Rupees forty-four thousand, four hundred ten and annas seven).

The Steriliser will be installed as soon as the permanent building is constructed which is expected to start soon.

Re: Godowns in Barpeta Subdivision

Shri MAHADEB DAS [Bhabanipur (Reserved for Scheduled Castes)] asked:

872. Will the Minister-in-charge, Co-operation be pleased to state—

(a) How many large-scale godowns have been constructed in Barpeta Subdivision stating the location of each?

(b) How many Co-operative Farming Societies are functioning in Barpeta Subdivision stating their names and areas under cultivation?

(c) The number of Co-operative Farms registered from 1958 to 1961?

(d) The amount of loan sanctioned to different Co-operative Farm of Barpeta Subdivision from 1958 to 1961 and what are the names of those farms?

(e) Whether the Co-operative Officer instructs the Co-operative farms to keep accounts properly?

(f) If so, what are those Co-operative Farms inspected by Co-operative Officers?

Shri LALIT KUMAR DOLEY (Deputy Minister, Co-operation)
replied :

872. (a)—The following Co-operative Godowns have been constructed in the Barpeta Subdivision—

1. Godowns for Co-operative Marketing Societies—

- (i) Jalah Co-operative Marketing Society, Ltd.—Jalah.
- (ii) Bajali Co-operative Marketing Society, Ltd.—Pathsala.
- (iii) Sarupeta Co-operative Marketing Society, Ltd.—Sarupeta.
- (iv) Howli Co-operative Marketing Society, Ltd.—Howli.
- (v) Barnagar Co-operative Marketing Society, Ltd.—Sorbhog.
- (vi) Banshi Co-operative Marketing Society, Ltd.—Bhella.
- (vii) Gobardhana Co-operative Marketing Society, Ltd.—Barpeta Road.
- (viii) Kajakuchi Co-operative Marketing Society, Ltd.—Kajakuchi.
- (ix) Mandia Co-operative Marketing Society, Ltd.—Mandia.

2. Godowns for Large-Sized Credit Societies—

- (i) Howli-Ghilajhari Rindan S. S., Ltd.—Howli.
- (ii) Bajali Rindan S. S., Ltd.—Pathsala.
- (iii) Barnagar Rindan S. S. Ltd.—Sorbhog.
- (iv) Sarthebari Rindan S. S., Ltd.—Sarthebari.

3. Rural Godowns—

- (i) Bijni Multipurpose Co-operative Society, Ltd.—Patla-Ananda-Bazar.
- (ii) Nowgaon Mouza Rindan S. S., Ltd.—Nowgaon.

(b)—There is one Co-operative Farming Society at present functioning in Barpeta Subdivision. The name of the Society is Notunbarala Krisipam Samabay Samity, Ltd. The land under cultivation of the Society is about 300 bighas.

(c)—Two.

(d)—No loan has been sanctioned to any Co-operative Farming Society so far.

(e)—Yes.

(f)—In different times and in different occasions the following Co-operative Farming Societies were inspected by the Co-operative Officers.

1. Bharegaon Samabay Krishipam, Ltd.
2. Joihind Samabay Krishipam, Ltd.
3. Gologaoon Samabay Krishipam, Ltd.
4. Rangapani Samabay Krishipam, Ltd.
5. Golobandha Samabay Krishipam, Ltd.
6. Doloipathar-Borbhita Samabay Krishipam, Ltd.
7. Sarukhetri Mouza Krishipam.
8. Noipara Krishipam.
9. Moiraghar Krishipam.
10. Notum Barala Krishipam.

Re: Relief to fire victims

Shri SARAT CHANDRA GOSWAMI (Kamalpur) asked :

873. Will the Minister in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state—

- (a) How many families were affected by fire this year in the State ?
- (b) What amount has been incurred in sanctioning gratuitous relief to the fire affected people who applied for relief ?
- (c) How many bundles of C. I. sheets have been distributed to these fire affected people who lost their houses and applied for supply of C. I. sheets permits in each Subdivision of the State ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Minister of State for Revenue) replied :

873. (a)—3,267 families in the Plains Districts of Assam except Silchar Subdivision.

(b)—Rs.72,048.92 nP.

(c)—2,087 bundles except Silchar Subdivision.

Re: Allotment of Coal Quota

Shri SANTI RANJAN DAS GUPTA (Lumding) asked :

874. Will the Minister-in-charge of Supply, be pleased to state—

- (a) The present principles in respect of allotment of coal quota ?

- (b) (i) Quantity available within the State for allotment during the year ?
- (ii) Quantity imported from Bihar and/or West Bengal Coal fields ?
- (c) The name of Firms, Industries or individuals district-wise, who were allotted Hard Coke, Soft Coke and BRK Coal during the last allotment ?
- (d) Whether all the individuals allotted coal quota are depot holders and actual dealers ?
- (e) If not, what are the reasons for allotting coal to individuals who are not dealers and have not opened up their own depots ?
- (f) Whether all the dump holders or Government agents are supplying regularly coal to depot holders as per Government allotment to cater the needs of the consumers ?
- (g) If not, what action the Government propose to take against the defaulting suppliers or Government agents ?
- (h) What arrangement Government propose to make to keep down the rising prices and remove the artificial scarcity when supplies are not sufficient according to the needs of the consumers ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Industries) replied :

874. (a)—On receipts of figures of estimated production for the year from the various coal producers, the Coal Controller, Government of India prepares allotment statement for various categories of consumers. Sanctions are issued by the Coal Controller, Government of India according to demands, and in consultation with the State Coal Controller in so far as the requirements of small-scale and engineering industries are concerned. The State Coal Controller is not consulted for allotting quota where the undertaking is controlled by Central Government through Development Wing or relevant Commodity Board like the Tea Board.

(b) (i)—8,01,599 tons of coal.

(ii)—No coal except hard and soft coke generally imported from Bihar and West Bengal. If the hon Member means 'coke' about 30,000 tons are imported from Bihar and West Bengal for small-scale and engineering industries and general consumers. The quantity imported by the industries registered under the Development Wing, Government of India and the Central Schemes, is not known to the State Government of the allotment is made by the Coal Controller, Government of India direct.

(c) The list of Small-scale and engineering industrial units, and dealers is placed on the Library Table.

(d)—In case of coke, there are 57 actual users and 144 depot holders (dealers). In case of coal exact number is not known as the necessary sanction is issued by the Coal Controller, Government of India. The information has been called for from the Government of India.

(e)—Does not arise.

(f)—Supply is occasionally irregular due to restriction on movement of Railway wagons. However, the State Coal Controller keeps in touch with the Railway authorities for speedier movement of wagons carrying coke.

(g)—Does not arise in view of (f) above.

(h)—The price of coal can be kept down by increasing the production of coal within the State and ensuring to move the coal. The State Government is also considering the possibility of producing hard and soft coke to make the State self-sufficient in coal and coke.

Re: Audit Report of State Electricity Board

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA (Thowra) asked :

875. Will the Minister-in-charge of Electricity be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that the Audit Report of the State Electricity Board of the year 1960 revealed some serious irregularities ?

(b) If so, what are these ?

(c) Whether full payment was made without fulfilling the contracts of purchasing 17 diesel sets ?

(d) Whether it is also a fact that two diesel sets were purchased without tender ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister-in-charge, Electricity) replied :

875. (a) —Yes. Some irregularities were revealed in the report.

(b)—The Annual Accounts for the year ended 31st March 1959 and the Audit Report, 1960 of the Assam State Electricity Board containing the particulars of the financial irregularities has already been laid before the Legislature on 31st March 1962.

(c) & (d)—It is revealed as such in the Audit Report. The Audit Report has been considered by the Public Accounts Committee and their recommendations are awaited.

Re: Proceedings drawn up against Gazetted Officer

Shri SANTI RANJAN DAS GUPTA (Lumding) asked :

876. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) The names with designation of the Gazetted Officers against whom proceedings have been drawn up for one reason or other during the last five years ?
- (b) The date from which each has been suspended ?
- (c) The reason for the delay in the termination of proceedings in each case ?
- (d) The rate of subsistence allowance allowed in each case and the amount involved ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

876. (a) to (d)—A statement is placed on the Library table.

Re: Undertaking of Roads during 3rd Five-Year Plan in Tamulpur Constituency

Shri HALADHAR UZIR [Tamalpur (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] asked :

877. Will the Minister-in-charge of P. W. D. (R. and B.) be pleased to state—

- (a) How many roads have been taken during the Third Plan period in Tamalpur Constituency and what are the names of the roads ?
- (b) Whether Government is aware that almost all the roads of Tamalpur Constituency have been rendered out of use for want of essential bridges over rivers and streams ?
- (c) Whether Government has taken any decision to construct bridges over those rivers and streams ?
- (d) If so, what are the names of those rivers and streams ?
- (e) If not, why not ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI [Minister of State, P. W. D. (R. and B.)] replied :

877. (a)—The following six roads have been taken up under the 3rd Five Year Plan—

1. Extension of Rangia-Dhamdhama road up to Barsimuluguri.
2. Dhamdhama-Santipur road upto Tupolia road.
3. From North Trunk Road to Koremura.

4. Majdia-Sessapani upto Jallah-Kumarikata Road.

5. Kademtola-Paglabazar.

6. Kaurbaha Dispensary to Khatabari (Tamulpur-Nagrijuli road).

(b)—No. The roads are in use with provision of ferries where there are no bridges.

(c)—No.

(d)—Does not arise.

(e)—Due to paucity of fund.

Re: Public Works Department Road from Boro Bazar to Kokrajhar

Raja AJIT NARAYAN DEB (Kokrajhar) asked.

878. Will the Minister, Public Works Department be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether there is a demand for a Public Works Department Road from Boro Bazar to Kokrajhar *via* Khakrabari, Birangoan, Kashikotra Chautaki and Haluadal villages upto Kokrajhar?
- (b) Whether Government have any proposal for consideration of the above demand and received any prayer from the public concerned?
- (c) If so, whether the Government propose to start the construction and when?
- (d) Whether there is any demand for a road from Basugaon to Bongaigaon *via* Kakragaon in Sidli Police Station along the North Frontier Railway line?
- (e) Whether Government propose to take up the above road?
- (f) If so, when?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI [Minister of State, Public Works Department (R. and B.)] replied :

878.(a)—No.

(b)—No.

(c)—Does not arise.

(d)—Yes.

(e) and (f)—The proposal will be examined as and when additional programme is taken up subject to availability of sufficient fund.

Re: Ferryghat from Matmora to Desangmukh

Shri LAKHYANATH DOLEY [North Lakhimpur (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] asked:

879. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department (R. and B.) be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether the ferryghat over Brahmaputra from Matmora to Desangmukh is classed as major ferry?
- (b) If so, what measures are being taken or contemplated to improve the conditions of the feeder roads particularly those on the north bank of the Brahmaputra?
- (c) What are the reasons for the extraordinary delay in constructing a bridge over Charikoria river on the Public Works Department road Dhakuakhana to Matmora which road was completed as far back as in 1957?
- (d) At what stages the proposals or schemes for construction of major permanent bridges over Subanshiri river at Chauldhowa ghat on the North Trunk Road and over Kahbuli river on the road from North Lakhimpur to Kamalabarighat rest at present?
- (e) What steps are being taken by the Government to expedite execution of the construction?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI, [Minister of State, Public Works Department (R. and B.)] replied:

879. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Feeder road from Embankment and Drainage bund to Matmoraghat is being maintained as fair weather road.

(c)—Due to paucity of fund.

(d) and (e)—There is no such proposal at present. When in future programme for construction of major bridges is taken up these will be considered.

Re: Removal of stones by Sri M. N. Deka, Contractor

Shri DANDI RAM DUTTA (Kalaigaon) asked:

880. Will the Minister-in-charge of P. W. D. (Roads and Buildings) be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that one P.W.D. contractor Shri Mohendra Nath Deka was found removing stones from the measured stack of the portion under Mongaldai Subdivision in Amingaon North Lakhimpur Road in May, 1962?

(b) Whether it is a fact that the Sectional Officer, P. W. D. Dolgaon reported the matter to the Executive Engineer, Mongaldai as well as to the Police ?

(c) What action have been taken against the said contractor ?

(d) Whether it is a fact that the said contractor has been financed by one Shri Goverdhan Bharatiya of Nalbari ?

(e) Whether it is a fact that the Government has black listed the contracted Shri Bharatiya ?

(f) Whether it is a fact that the Contractor Shri M. N. Deka executed a power of attorney in favour of Shri Gobordhan Bharatiya of Nalbari for whole work allotted to Shri Deka in Mongaldai Subdivision ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI [Minister of State, P.W.D. (Roads and Buildings)] replied :

880. (a)—No. Shri Mohendra Nath Deka, Contractor was entrusted with the supply of metal in 60th mile and he brought boulders to that mile to break the metal, Shri M. N. Deka had some surplus boulders after supplying the required quantity of metal. The contractor was permitted to carry away the surplus boulders collected by him before taking the measurement of metal. He did not however, consult the Sectional Officer-in-charge to do this. This was done in the last part of March 1962 and not in May, 1962.

(b)—Yes. While the truck of Shri Deka was carrying these boulders the Sectional Officer-in-charge objected, detained the truck and verbally reported only to the police. But when the Sectional Officer learnt from the Sub-Divisional Officer on the latter's return from tour, that the contractor was allowed to carry away the surplus stones, the Sectional Officer intimated the fact to the Police. The matter was then reported by the Sub-Divisional Officer to the Executive Engineer.

(c)—Does not arise in view of the reply at (a) and (b) above.

(d)—Government in the P. W. D. have no information about this.

(e)—No.

(f)—Government have no information. But Shri Deka is receiving payment of his bills himself directly.

**Re: Departmental officers work against the spirit of Assam
Shramik Bahini Act**

Shri MOHANANDA BORA (Bihpuria) asked :

881. Will the Minister-in-charge of P. W. D. (Both Wings) be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government is aware that some of the departmental officers are working against the spirit of the Assam Shramik Bahini Act, by not mobilising local labour ?
- (b) Whether Chief Minister received some complaints when he last went to North Lakhimpur against a certain S. D. O. (R. and B. Wing) for taking step-motherly attitude against the Shramik Bahinis formed there ?
- (c) Whether Shramik Bahini Boards at State and District levels were constituted as provided in the Act, and if formed who are they ?
- (d) Whether any sitting of these boards is held since its constitution, if not, why not ?
- (e) Whether it was not intended by the Government that by the Shramik Bahini Organisation a labour minded atmosphere will be created in our State which will help to a great extent in solving the unemployment problem as well as removed the want of labour in our State ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI [Minister of State, P. W. D. (R. & B. Wing)] replied :

881. (a) & (b)—Government is not aware that some of the Departmental Officers are working against the spirit of the Shramik Bahini Act. But Chief Minister received a complaint from some of the Shramik Bahinis' Nayak of North Lakhimpur against the S. D. O., P. W. D., Chaldhwa Subdivision regarding his un-sympathetic attitude and non-payment of bills timely to the Shramik Bahinis. On enquiry, it was found that the S. D. O., P. W. D. was not actually un-sympathetic towards the Shramik Bahinis, but he held up payment of two bills for some time drawn in favour of Ujjalpur Shramik Bahini and Hindugaon Shramik Bahini due to defective works done by them for which they were asked to rectify the defects. The bills were subsequently paid. However, in order to pay the Shramik Bahinis Bills as per provision of the Act (Section 18) the S. D. O. concerned has been instructed to take prompt action in future.

(c)—As per provisions of the Assam Shramik Bahini Act, 1959 and the Assam Shramik Bahinis Rules, 1960, Pradesh Shramik Advisory Committee has already been formed. A list of members of the Committee is placed in the Library table. Subdivisional Shramik Advisory Committees are being formed shortly.

(d)—The meeting of the Pradesh Shramik Advisory Committee is going to be held on the 8th August, 1962 and no sitting of the Board has been held yet as this has been finally formed and notified on 2nd December, 1961.

(e)—Yes, it is the spirit and intention verily adopted in the Preamble of the Assam Shramik Bahini Act, 1959.

Re: Establishment of a Revenue Circle Office at Dudhnai

Shri HALADHAR UZIR [Tamalpur (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] asked :

882. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that the Government is going to establish a Revenue Circle Office at Dudhnai in Goalpara Sub-division ?
- (b) What are the requisites for establishment of Revenue Circle Office ?
- (c) Whether Government lately received any representation from the public to the effect that Dudhnai is situated in the Western boundary of the proposed Circle and as such not suitable for the purpose ?
- (d) Whether Government are aware that Rangjuli is centrally situated with the location of Anchalik Panchayat Office and satisfies all the conditions for establishment of the Revenue Circle Office ?
- (e) Whether Government propose to establish the proposed Revenue Circle Office at Rangjuli ?
- (f) If not, why ?
- (g) Whether it is a fact that a certain influential person whose residence is at Dudhnai, manipulated the local Departmental Officers to submit wrong information to the authority and persuaded the authority to establish the proposed Revenue Circle Office at Dudhnai instead of centrally located place at Rangjuli ?
- (i) How long it will take to come to a decision by Government ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Minister of State, Revenue) replied :

882. (a), (d), (e), (f) & (i)—The whole matter relating to Constitution of Revenue Circles in the Goalpara District is under active consideration of Government and a decision will be arrived at soon.

(b)—There are no set requisites guiding the establishment of circles but population, area (with particular reference to settled area), number of established and fluctuating and surveyed and unsurveyed villages and the land revenue payable, etc., are some of the important considerations.

(c)—Yes.

(g)—It is not a fact.

Re : Nationalisation of routes during 3rd Plan**Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI (Titabor)** asked :

883. Will the Minister-in-charge of Transport be pleased to state—

- (a) Which are the Routes that the Government proposes to nationalise during the 3rd Five Year Plan period ?
- (b) What progress has been made during the first year of the Plan to achieve the target ?
- (c) The yearly break up of new roads to be taken over by State Transport Organisation during the Third Five Year Plan ?

Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister of State Transport) replied :

883. (a)—(1) Makum-Digboi-Lakhapani route,

(2) Golaghat-Dergaon route.

(3) North Gauhati-Barpeta route.

(4) Khlichriat-Badarpur route.

(b)—The Makum-Digboi-Lekhapani route and the Golaghat-Dergaon route are due to be nationalised from 2nd October, 1962 and final notification after hearing objections announcing nationalisation of those routes from 2nd October, 1962 has been issued. Necessary arrangements to run State Transport buses on the routes have also been made.

Notification declaring Government intention to nationalise the North Gauhati-Barpeta route *via* Rangiya, Nalbari Barama and Pathshala has been issued and objection if any, invited.

Feasibility of extending nationalised transport service from Khlichriat to Badarpur is being examined.

(c)—1961-62—Nil.

1962-63—(1) Makum-Digboi-Lekhapani route.

(2) Golaghat-Dergaon route.

(3) North Gauhati-Barpeta route.

During 1963-64 to 1965-66—Khlichriat-Badarpur route.

Re : Buses running in nationalised routes**Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI (Titabor)** asked :

884. Will the Minister-in-charge of State Transport be pleased to state—

(a) What is the number of Buses now running in the nationalised routes ?

(b) Whether there has been any increase in the number of Scheduled buses in the different routes since their nationalisation ?
(Kindly state route-wise and year to year).

Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister of State Transport) replied:

884. (a)—399 on 30th June 1962.

(b)—Yes. The fleet position year by year is placed on the Library Table.

Re: State Transport Employees

Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI (Titabor) asked:

885. Will the Minister-in-charge of State Transport be pleased to state—

(a) What is the total number of State Transport employees in Assam under different category?

(b) Whether there has been an increase of staff according to the volume of work that increased from year to year so far?

(c) What is the number of employees route-wise?

(d) Whether Government is aware that in Upper Assam Division the number of employees is less than that of Northern Assam Division so far its mileage and the number of State Transport Services are concerned?

(e) What is the number of Technical Hands (Mechanics) in the State Transport and what is the number of vehicles that each of them is to handle?

Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister of State Transport) replied:

885. (a)—A Statement is placed on the Library Table.

(b)—Yes. The staff employed year-wise is given below:—

1947-48	...	..	..	45
1948-49	...	...	...	701
1949-50	...	...	...	758
1950-51	...	..	...	1,112
1951-52	...	..	..	1,108
1952-53	..	...	..	1,282
1953-54	..	..	..	1,532
1954-55	..	..	..	1,532
1955-56	..	...	...	1,594

1956-57	...	...	2,226
1957-58	...	..	2,548
1958-59	..	..	2,917
1959-60	..	..	2,917
1960-61	...	...	3,223
1961-62	...	...	3,239

(c)—Route-wise break-up of staff is not possible as employees are entertained on Regional or Divisional basis.

(d)—No. The number of employees in the Upper Assam Division is 726 against 589 in the Northern Assam Division.

(e)—There are 535 mechanics of different grades who are required to handle 562 vehicles.

Re: State Transport Buildings at Jorhat

Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI (Titabar) asked :

886. Will the Minister-in-charge of State Transport be pleased to state—

(a) Why there is no construction of State Transport Building at Jorhat ?

(b) When it will be started and what is the estimate ?

Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister of State Transport) replied :

886. (a)—The Divisional Workshop at Jorhat used to be located in the Jorhat station compound causing inconvenience to the station staff and the passengers. The workshop is being shifted to its permanent site at a distance where construction work has been almost completed. The question of affecting necessary improvement and expansion of station buildings at Jorhat is proposed to be taken up after the workshop is completely shifted depending upon availability of necessary funds.

(b)—Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Re: Refixation of Pay of Drivers

Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI (Titabar) asked :

887. Will the Minister-in-charge of State Transport be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that refixation in pay has been made to a few drivers of State Transport, Jorhat but their arrears have not been paid as yet ?

(b) If so, why ?

(c) Whether Government propose to pay the Drivers their arrears immediately ?

Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister of State Transport) replied :

887. (a)—Yes. Arrears due to the drivers have also been paid.

(b) & (c)—Do not arise.

Re: Supply of Uniforms to State Transport Workers

Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI (Titabar) asked :

888. Will the Minister-in-charge of State Transport be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that though agreement was arrived at with the State Transport Workers Association to supply uniforms to the State Transport workers it has not yet been implemented ?

(b) If so, why ?

(c) Whether Government will be pleased to supply uniforms to State Transport Workers immediately ?

Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister of State Transport) replied :

888. (a)—Uniforms were supplied to State Transport employees during the last part of 1959-60. The life of those uniforms was fixed at 3 years which will expire towards the later part of this year. Steps have been taken to renew the uniforms in time.

(b) & (c)—Do not arise.

Re: Special allowance of Transport Workers

Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI (Titabar) asked :

889. Will the Minister-in-charge of State Transport be pleased to state—

(a) Why even after the verdict of the Board of Conciliation special allowance to State Transport workers has not yet been paid ?

(b) When it will be paid ?

Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister of State Transport) replied :

889. (a)—There was no settlement or agreement in respect of claim for special allowance to State Transport workers in the Board of Conciliation. The Chairman of the Board circulated his views on the subject to the members for signature. That view was not acceptable to the State Transport representative on the Board and the report was returned to the Chairman with a note of dissent on 1st June 1962. The report of the Board of Conciliation with the note of dissent is being published according to law and further action thereon is under consideration.

(b)—Does not arise at this stage.

Re: Payment of Ex-State Transport Driver

Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI (Titabar) asked :

890. Will the Minister.in-charge of Transport be pleased to state—

- (a) Why no payment has been made to Shri Loknath Saikia, Ex-State Transport Driver for his forced lay period from his service ?
- (b) Whether Government propose to pay him the arrears immediately ?

Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Transport Minister) replied—

890. (a)—No payment could be made to the driver as it has been found that he had accepted private employment even when he was still an employee of the State Transport which was caused some uncertainty as to from what date payment should really be due to him. The question whether disciplinary action should not also be taken against the driver for accepting private employment while continuing as a State Transport employee has also been raised.

(b)—As soon as the complications indicated *vide* (a) above are duly settled.

Re: Arbitrary recovery

Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI (Titabar) asked :

891. (a) Whether it is a fact that certain arbitrary recovery has been made from the pay of Shri Dambari Bhorali, State Transport Driver at Jorhat ?

(b) If so, what was his offence ?

(c) Whether proper chance to show cause to his charges has been accorded to him ?

Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Transport Minister) replied :

891. (a)—No.

(b)—Damaging Government property due to negligent discharge of allotted duties and misuse of Government property.

(c)—Yes.

Re: State Transport Canteen at Machkhowa

Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI (Titabar) asked :

892. (a) Why the State Transport canteen at Machkhowa has been closed after spending a huge sum in constructing the canteen building ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that a Co-operative Society, organised by the State Transport workers, have applied to run the canteen ?

(c) If so, why it was not given to them ?

Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Transport Minister) replied :

892. (a)—The canteen at Machkhowa has not been closed.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—The canteen has been settled after considering tenders, from 8th April, 1962. It has been considered that it would be convenient if the same organisation runs the canteen at the Machkhowa station and the canteen at the Gauhati Paltan Bazar station. Tenders were called for accordingly and the canteen settled with effect from 8th April, 1962. Catering arrangements have already been made in the Paltan Bazar station and the Machkhowa canteen is expected to start functioning shortly.

Re: Promotion of L. D. Assistants

Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI (Titabar) asked :

893. (a) What is the reason for not giving promotions to a large number of senior most Lower Division Assistants in the State Transport ?

(b) What action the Government has taken to a large number of representations submitted by the aggrieved persons and the State Transport Workers Association ?

(c) What action has been taken to implement the assurance given to the State Transport Workers Association to increase the percentage of Upper Division Assistants posts ?

Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Transport Minister) replied :

893. (a)—Promotions are given on consideration of merit and seniority. Seniority is not the only criterion for determining an assistant's claim for promotion.

(b)—Representations have been considered on merit.

(c)—The question of feasibility of increasing the percentage of Upper Division Assistant posts is under examination.

Re: Milk Supply to Dibrugarh Medical College**Dr. HOMESWAR DEB CHOUDHURY (Patacharkuchi)** asked :

894. Will the Supply Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) What is the quantity of milk supplied to the Medical College, Dibrugarh per month ?
- (b) What is the rate of price of milk supplied to medical college in 1961-62 and 1962-63 ?
- (c) What is the quantity of milk supplied to the Jail at Dibrugarh ?
- (d) What is the rate of price of milk supplied to Dibrugarh Jail in 1961-62 and 1962-63 ?
- (e) Whether there is any difference of rate of price of milk supplied to these two institution ?
- (f) If so, why ?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister-in-charge of Medical) replied :

894. (a)—On an average 161 mds. per month (156 mds. are supplied by the Contractor and 15 mds. by the Government Dairy Farm).

(b)—Contractors' rate Rs.15.50 nP. per md. and Dairy Farm's rate Rs.35.00 nP. per md. in 1961-62 and Contractor's rate Rs.25.00 nP. per md. and Dairy Farm's rate Rs.36.37 nP. per md. in 1962-63.

(c)—On an average 28 mds. per month.

(d)—Contractor's rate Rs.40.00 nP. per md. and Dairy Farm's Rs.35.20 nP. per md. 1961-62 and Contractor's rate Rs.17.00 nP. per md. and Dairy Farm's rate Rs.35.20 nP. per md. in 1962-63.

(e)—Yes.

(f)—As the same contractor is not supplying milk to the Jail and the Assam Medical College there is bound to be some difference.

Re: Dacoity cases under Katigora Police Station**Shri TARAPADA BHATTACHARJEE (Katigora)** asked :

895. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) How many dacoity cases that took place under Katigora Police Station during the year 1961-62 ?
- (b) The number of persons arrested in connection with those cases ?

- (c) How many theft cases and cattle lifting cases were reported during the above mentioned period ?
- (d) How many cattle were lifted ?
- (e) How many cases of cattle lifting were taken up with the Pak-authority of the district of Sylhet ?
- (f) In how many cases the cattle were returned by the District authorities of Sylhet ?
- (g) Katigora being a border Police Station, whether Government propose to provide a jeep or vehicles at the disposal of the O/C Katigora Police Station, to meet any emergency ?
- (h) Whether Government propose to increase the number of Police personnel in Katigora Police Station to tackle the situation properly ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

895. (a) to (h) —The information has been called for.

Re: Recent flood in the district of Cachar

Shri GAURISANKAR ROY (Katlicherra) asked :

896. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased state—

- (a) The date or dates on which the recent flood visited and affected the large area of Cachar District and its duration ?
- (b) How many tea gardens and how many villages have been affected in each Subdivision of the District ?
- (c) Total quantity of rice and other commodities distributed as Gratuitous Relief among the distressed people of the District, up-to-date in each Subdivision ?
- (d) Total amount sanctioned by Government till now for each Subdivision ?
- (e) Name of flood affected tea gardens in each Subdivision of the District and the quantity of rice and other commodities distributed as Gratuitous Relief in each such tea garden among the ex-labour and such other distressed people with date of distribution ?
- (f) Whether Government propose to supply seed to the flood affected people on loan basis ?

- (g) Whether the Government propose to extend immediately grants and loans for damage caused to houses and cattle by the flood?
- (h) Whether the grants and loans as mentioned in (g) above will be extended to the flood affected *ex-tea* labour and such other people of the tea gardens?
- (i) Whether the survey of damages suffered by *ex-tea* garden and such other people in tea gardens have been surveyed?
- (j) What is the total damage of crop, houses, cattle, etc., in the villages and also in tea gardens, in each of the Subdivision?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Minister of State for Revenue) replied:

896. (a)—Flood occurred from 10th June, 1962 and continued till the later part of June, 1962.

(b) & (c) — Information are being collected. Certain operations are still going on.

(d)—Government have so far sanctioned an amount of Rs.1,25,000 as Gratuitous Relief to the Deputy Commissioner, Cachar for issuing relief to the flood affected people of the entire Cachar District. Sub-division-wise allotment of this amount by the Deputy Commissioner is being collected.

(e)—Information are being collected, *vide* (b) to (c) above.

(f)—Government have not yet received any such proposal from the District Officers but Government have already sanctioned an amount of Rs.7,875.00 only as Subsidy Grant @ Rs.3.50 nP. per maund for issuing 2,250 mds., of paddy seeds to the flood affected people at subsidised rate.

(g)—Government have already sanctioned an amount of Rs.70,000 as Rehabilitation Loan for issuing to flood affected people of Cachar District. These are meant for the purposes of both houses and cattle.

(h)—Deputy Commissioner concerned has already been instructed to grant necessary relief to deserving retrenched tea gardens people.

(i) & (j)—Information are being collected.

Re : Demarcation of boundaries of the registered fisheries in Barpeta Subdivision

Shri MAHADEB DAS [Bhabanipur (Reserved for Scheduled Castes)] asked:

897. Will the Minister of Revenue be pleased to state—

- (a) Why demarcation of Boundaries of the registered fisheries in Barpeta Subdivision has not yet been made?

(b) When the Assam Surveys will complete demarcation ?

(c) When will the encroached portion of the fisheries in the Barpeta Subdivision be recorded ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Minister of State for Revenue) replied :

897. (a) & (b)—The question of revision of boundaries of the Registered fishery in Barpeta has already been undertaken by the Assistant Settlement Officers in course of filed attestation of records. This work being voluminous, it might take a considerable time to finish the work.

(c)—A large number of such encroachment has been removed. The remaining encroachments will be removed in next winter and after re-demarcation of boundaries.

Re : Cattle and seed loan

Shri TAJUDDIN AHMED (Tarabari) asked :

898. Will the Minister, Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that poor cultivators of Chakabausi Pathar and Chaakabausigaon of Barpeta Mouza, District Kamrup received some cattle and seed loan during last 10 years ?

(b) Whether Government are aware that these villages were eroded during past 5 years and the people are residing on the embankment in a very bad condition ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that the S.D.O., Barpeta is trying hard to give them land for rehabilitation but failed up to this time ?

(d) Whether it is a fact that to realise the cattle and seed loan of these people the S.D.O., Barpeta is adopting harsh measure by attaching the utensils cattle, etc., of these helpless people ?

(e) Whether Government are aware that these people cannot pay the loan as they are turned into very bad condition ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Minister of State, Revenue) replied :

898. (a)—Yes.

(b)—The villages Chakabausipathar and Chakabausigaon were eroded during last five years, but it is not a fact that the eroded people are living on the embankment.

(c)—There may be difficulty in finding enough suitable land for rehabilitation purposes but it is not a fact that the S.D.O. failed totally.

(d)—No.

(e)—It is likely that some of the loanees are poor and may find it difficult to repay the loan in time.

Re: Gratuitous Relief to the fire-affected people

Shri MAHADEB DAS [Bhabanipur (Reserved for Scheduled Castes)] asked :

899. Will the Minister, Revenue be pleased to state—

- (a) What is the relief rendered to the fire affected victims in Barpeta Subdivision in the year 1962 ?
- (b) How many families are affected by the fire havoc in the said Subdivision in the year 1962 ?
- (c) How many bundles of C.I. Sheets have been given to them ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Minister of State, Revenue) replied :

899. (a)—Rupees 1,920.87 nP. as Gratuitous Relief and Rs. 5,000 as Rehabilitation loan have been issued to the fire-affected people of Barpeta Subdivision up-to-date.

(b)—About 300 families have been affected.

(c)—One hundred and thirty-eight bundles of C.I. Sheets have so far been allotted among the fire victims.

Re: Havoc caused by Erosion in Tarabari

Shri MAHADEB DAS [Bhabanipur (Reserved for Scheduled Castes)] asked :

900. Will the Minister, Revenue be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government is aware of the havoc caused by erosion in Tarabari in Barpeta Subdivision ?
- (b) Whether anything has been done to rehabilitate the affected people ?
- (c) If so, how ?
- (d) What is the number of village and people affected by this erosion ?
- (e) Whether any land revenue remission has been granted ?

(f) If not, whether Government propose to give remission ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Minister of State, Revenue) replied :

900. (a)—Yes.

(b) & (c)—Yes, steps have been taken to rehabilitate the erosion-affected people permanently by allotting Khas land to them.

(d)—Three villages, namely : Kaltali, Tarabari, and Balapara were eroded. The number of families affected by erosion is 775.

(e) & (f)—The lands eroded in 1367 B.S. were excluded from settlement in 1368 B.S. and hence no remission of land revenue is necessary.

Re: Ratabeel Fishery Co-operative Ltd.

Shri ABDUL MUNIM CHOUDHURY (Karimganj South) asked:

901. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Ratabeel Fishery Co-operative, Ltd., under South Karimganj is a registered one ?

(b) What is the area of this beel ?

(c) Whether Government is aware that the value of the total production of the Ratabeel Fishery approximately came to Rs.2,00,000 (Two lakhs) per annum before Independence ?

(d) What is the present total production of the Ratabeel and total value calculated according to present day market price ?

(e) Whether the production has increased after Independence ?

(f) Whether it is a fact that many unauthorised persons catch fish in this fishery specially in the breeding season ?

(g) Whether it is a fact that the Chairman of the Ratabeel Co-operative Fishery Society, Ltd., submitted several petitions to the Authority from time to time for stopping this illegal catching of fish by unauthorised persons ?

(h) If so, why Government have not taken steps to stop this ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Minister of State, Revenue) replied:

901. (a)—Yes.

(b)—The Ratabeel lies in the permanently settled estates. Government have no record regarding its area. The area, however, is known to be approximate 2,000 acres.

(c), (d) & (e)—As Ratabeel is a private owned fishery. Government have no information regarding its total annual production before or after Independence.

(f)—The rules for settlement of fisheries do not cover the privately owned fishery. Some persons other than the members of this said Co-operative Society were reported to be fishing in this fishery. Government have no authority to interfere in the management of the privately owned fishery.

(g)—Yes, in July, 1960, the Chairman, Ratabeel Fishery Co-operative Society submitted a petition to the S.D.O., Karimganj alleging that certain persons were fishing in the beel by nets with very small meshes. As this Ratabeel is a private fishery, the rules do not apply to it and hence no action could be taken on the petition. This was duly informed to the Chairman of the Society.

(h)—Does not arise.

Re: Flood affected areas in 1962

Shri MAHADEB DAS [Bhabanipur (Reserved for Scheduled Castes)] asked :

902. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state—

- (a) The Subdivision-wise area affected by the floods in June last and July 1st part 1962 ?
- (b) The extent of crops damaged by the floods ?
- (c) The number of (i) human and (ii) animal lives lost due to floods ?
- (d) The total number of people affected by the floods ?
- (e) The total amounts of Gratuitous Relief given to the sufferers ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Minister of State for Revenue) replied :

902. (a) to (d)—A Statement showing the areas affected, extent of crops damaged, number of human and animal lives lost, and the number of people affected by floods in June and July, 1962 is placed on the Library Table.

(e)—A Statement showing the Gratuitous Relief so far sanctioned in such Subdivision due to flood is placed on the Library Table.

Re: Fishery Revenue of the State

Shri TAJUDDIN AHMED (Tarabari) asked :

903. Will the Minister, Revenue be pleased to state—

- (a) What is the Fishery Revenue of the State for the last 5 years ? (Figures to be given).
- (b) What is the amount of defaulted fishery Revenue up to this time in the State ? (Answer to be given Subdivision-wise).
- (c) Who are the defaulters ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that officers are not taking proper steps to recover the defaulted fishery Revenue ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Minister of State for Revenue) replied :

903. (a)—Rupees 84,45,197.79 nP. except Nowgong District whose report has not been received yet.

(b)—The defaulted fishery revenue is given below :—

1. Kokrajhar	...	...	...	Rs.
2. Goalpara	...	...	...	222.00
3. Dhubri	...	...	...	22,043.65

4. Barpeta	...	...	...	2,26,800.75
5. Gauhati	...	...	..	94,505.25
6. Nowgong	...	...	...	Report not received.
7. Mangaldai	..	...	...	11,076.00
8. Tezpur	..	...	...	10,450.00
9. Jorhat	...	..	...	89,435.95
10. Sibsagar	...	...	...	1,07,367.86
11. Golaghat	...	...	...	34,821.00
12. North Lakhimpur	...	...	...	46,762.24
13. Dibrugarh	...	..	...	1,10,078.00
14. Silchar	...	...	...	2,15,015.0
15. Karimganj	...	..	...	Nil.
16. Hailakandi	...	...	...	Nil.

(c)—The list of defaulters may be seen as per statement placed on the Library Table.

(d)—It is not a fact.

Re: Allotment of amount to North Kamrup Division

Shri SARAT CHANDRA GOSWAMI (Kamalpur) asked :

904. Will the Minister-in-charge of P. W. D. (R. & B.) be pleased to state—

(a) What amount was allotted for the following roads in North Kamrup Division in the year 1961-62 ?

(i) Kamalpur-Borka Road.

(ii) Kamalpur-Morwa Road.

(iii) Kendukona-Changsari Road.

(iv) North Gauhati-Mandakata Road.

(v) Bezera-Balikuchi Road and

(vi) Loch Balikuchi-Chirakhundi Road.

(b) Whether the amounts sanctioned against these roads were for repairs and maintenance of the roads or for original works ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI [Minister of State, P. W. D. (R. & B.)] replied:

904. (a) & (b)—The amounts allotted for original works, during 1961-62 are mentioned below against each work. As regards repairs grant a lump sum amount of Rs.19,00,000 was placed at the disposal of Executive Engineer during 1961-62 and the Executive Engineer utilised the amount according to necessity. The expenditure out of repairs grant against each work is also indicated below :—

			Allotment during 1961-62	
			Original	Repairs
			Rs.	Rs.
(i)	Kamalpur-Borka Road ..	...	53,006	7,267
(ii)	Kamalpur-Morwa Road ...	...	48,507	21,376
(iii)	Kendukona-Changsari Road ..	...	33,120	1,566
(iv)	North Gauhati-Mandakata-Dumni-chowki Road.		3,114	17,339
(v)	Bezera-Balikuchi Road ...	...	17,833	1,433
(vi)	Loch Balikuchi-Chirakhundi Road...	The road was already completed and as such no allotment in 1961-62 was made.		5,967

Re: Erosion of Dhansiri River

Shri MATLEBUDDIN (Dalgaon) asked :

905. Will the Minister, Revenue be pleased to state—

- Whether it is a fact that a large number of cultivators have been displaced and ousted by flood and erosion of the Dhansiri River and rendered landless since 1957 ?
- If the answer is in the affirmative, what is the total number of such cultivators and what is the total area of land so damaged ?
- Whether Government have received any petition from the affected cultivators for providing them with alternative land ?
- If the answer is in the affirmative, when and from whom and what action has by the time been taken ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Minister of State for Revenue) replied:

905. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Three hundred and twenty-eight families have been affected by the flood and erosion of the Dhansiri River in Mangaldai and Kalaigaon Circle. The total affected area is 2426B—3K—1L out of which about 551B—4K—11L has been eroded in Mangaldai Circle.

(c)—No petition has received from the affected people for settlement of land in Mangaldai Subdivision. Most of them applied for land in Dhekiajuli Circle of Tezpur Subdivision.

(d)—Ninety-one families of Mangaldai Subdivision affected by erosion of Dhansiri River have been allotted 455 bighas of land in Dhekiajuli Circle.

Re: Fire affected families in Kamalpur Circle

Shri SARAT CHANDRA GOSWAMI (Kamalpur) asked :

906. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state—

- (a) How many families were affected by last fire in Amingaon, Panitema, Karara, Baruajani and Garaka in Kamalpur Circle of Gauhati Subdivision.
- (b) What amount has been sanctioned to these families as gratuitous relief who applied for such relief?
- (c) How many bundles of C. I. Sheets were granted to these people?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Minister of State, for Revenue) replied :

906. (a)—The information are as follows :—

1. Amingaon	...	...	...	Nil.
2. Panitema	...	...	...	2 families.
3. Karara	...	..	...	4 families.
4. Baruajani	...	...	...	1 family.
5. Garaka	...	...	...	2 families.
Total ...				9 families.

(b)—Information with reference to these families is being collected separately. A lump sum amount has been sanctioned for the subdivision.

(c)—Only 4 bundles of C. I. Sheets were issued to 4 fire affected families of Panitema and Garaka. The cases of others are pending for disposal.

Re: Recent Flood affected Subdivisions

Shri MOHIKANTA DAS (Barchalla) asked :

907. Will the Minister Revenue be pleased to state—

- (a) What are the Subdivisions affected by recent flood ?
- (b) What was the total loss of lives (Please state the number Sub-division-wise) ?
- (c) What was the value of the total loss of crops Subdivision-wise ?
- (d) What was the total area rendered permanently unfit for cultivation by flood (please show the area Subdivision-wise ?
- (e) What was the total number of houses washed away (Please give the number Subdivision-wise) ?
- (f) What was the total number of cattle washed away in each Subdivision ?
- (g) What were the amounts sanctioned for each affected Sub-division by way of (i) Gratuitous Relief (ii) Seed Loan, (iii) Cattle Loan (iv) Rehabilitation, Loan, (v) Distress Loan, (vi) Test Relief and (vii) any other relief ?
- (h) What is the total amount of money spent so far in connection with flood relief in the State ?
- (i) Whether any amount has been received from other sources besides grants from State Government for relief to flood victims ?
- (j) If so, what are those sources ?
- (k) What steps Government have taken for rehabilitation of those whose lands were either eroded or rendered permanently unfit for cultivation ?
- (l) Whether it is a fact that defective construction of some of the embankment has been the cause of flood ravages in some areas ?
- (m) Whether Government will be pleased to set up a high-power Committee for investigating into the cause of the last flood in the State and for devising ways and means to prevent its recurrence in future ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Minister of State for Revenue) replied :

907. (a)—All the Subdivisions of the Plains Districts and some portion of Garo Hills were affected.

(b)—Altogether 59 human lives were lost due to floods. Subdivisions-wise figures are as follows.—

1. Silchar	7 numbers.
2. Hailakandi ...	4 numbers.
3. Karimganj ..	Nil, But two un-identified dead bodies were recovered from the water of the flooded areas, but the cause of the death could not be ascertained. Another un-identified dead body was found floating in Ratabari Thana, but the body could not be recovered.
4. Dibrugarh ...	2 numbers.
5. North-Lakimpur ...	Nil.
6. Dhubri ..	5 numbers.
7. Goalpara ...	5 numbers.
8. Kokrajhar ..	Nil.
9. Gauhati...	3 numbers.
10. Barpeta...	11 numbers.
11. Tezpur ...	8 numbers.
12. Mangaldai ...	5 numbers.
13. Nowgong ...	7 numbers.
14. Jorhat ...	Nil.
15. Sibsagar...	Nil.
16. Golaghat ...	1 number.
17. Garo Hills ...	1 number.
Total ..	59 numbers.

(c)—The total value of the different crops damaged due to flood is Rs. 12,94,27,553. The Subdivision-wise figures are as follows.—

	Rs. nP.
1. Silchar	36,70,438.00.
2. Hailakandi	1,89,726.00.
3. Karimganj	37,73,740.00.
4. Dibrugarh	3,40,000.00.
5. North-Lakhimpur... ..	19,90,665.00.
6. Dhubri	6,00,00,000.00.
7. Goalpara	38,43,250.00.
8. Kokrajhar	78,988.00.
9. Gauhati	81,97,429.00.
10. Barpeta	1,94,53,867.00.
11. Tezpur	22,59,180.00.
12. Mangaldai	13,47,829.00.
13. Nowgong... ..	1,43,97,925.00.
14. Jorhat	37,53,600.00.
15. Sibsagar	7,83,560.00.
16. Golaghat... ..	40,64,962.00.
17. Garo Hills	12,82,200.00.
Total	12,94,27,553.00

(d)—The information is not readily available.

(e)—The total number of houses damaged or destroyed by flood was 19,163. The Subdivision-wise figures are as follows.—

1. Silchar	8,616 numbers.
2. Hailakandi	2,294 numbers.
3. Karimganj	Could not be ascertained.
4. Dibrugarh	106 numbers.

5. North Lakhimpur	...	295 numbers.
6. Dhubri	...	2,000 numbers.
7. Goalpara	...	1,138 numbers.
8. Kokrajhar	...	Nil.
9. Gauhati	...	18,872 numbers.
10. Barpeta	...	916 numbers.
11. Tezpur	...	346 numbers.
12. Mangaldai	...	199 numbers.
13. Nowgong	...	1,403 numbers.
14. Jorhat	...	220 numbers.
15. Sibsagar	...	46 numbers.
16. Golaghat	...	2,707 numbers.
17. Garo Hills	...	Nil.
Total	...	39,163 numbers.

(f)—The total number of Cattle heads lost due to flood is 2,938 numbers. The Subdivision-wise figures are as follows.—

1. Silchar	...	140 numbers.
2. Hailakandi	...	180 numbers.
3. Karimganj...	...	Nil.
4. Dibrugarh	...	400 numbers.
5. North Lakhimpur	...	108 numbers.
6. Dhubri	...	151 numbers.
7. Goalpara	...	19 numbers.
8. Kokrajhar...	...	Nil.
9. Gauhati	...	34 numbers.
10. Barpeta	...	50 numbers.
11. Tezpur	...	536 numbers.
12. Mangaldai	...	295 numbers.

13. Nowgong ...	...	...	...	88 numbers.
14. Jorhat ...	..	...	...	188 numbers.
15. Sibsagar ...	...	...	...	17 numbers.
16. Golaghat ...	...	..	...	699 numbers.
17. Garo Hills ..	...	...	..	33 numbers.
Total	...	...	...	2,938 numbers.

(g)—The information are as follows:—

	Gratuitous Relief	Seed (Distressed loan)	Cattle loan	Rehabilitation loan	Test Relief Grant
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1. Cachar District as a whole.	1,32,875	—	..	70,000	..
2. Dibrugarh	75,000	..	..	..	..
3. North Lakhimpur ..	40,000	50,000	..	..	..
4. Gauhati ..	1,40,000	2,00,000	..	..	..
5. Barpeta ..	50,000	30,000	..	..	..
6. Dhubri ..	3,00,000	3,00,000	..	..	..
7. Kokrajbar ..	1,000	25,000	..	..	25,000
8. Goalpara ..	10,000	1,00,000	..	..	..
9. Tezpur ..	43,000	30,000	..	..	..
10. Mangaldai ..	7,000	80,000	..	..	..
11. Nowgong ..	75,000	4,00,000	..	..	..
12. Jorhat ..	35,000	25,000	..	..	..
13. Sibsagar ..	10,000	—	..	..	30,000
14. Golaghat ..	35,000	25,000	..	..	..
15. Garo Hills by T.A.D.	15,000	..	..	..	..
Total	9,68,875	12,65,000	..	70,000	55,000

(h) to (l)—Information are being collected.

(m)—It is not in the contemplation of the Government for the present.

Re: Whole-sale Agent of Hard and Soft Coke

Dr. HOMESWAR DEB CHOUDHURY (Patacharkuchi) asked:

908. Will the Minister, Supply be pleased to state—

- (a) Under what circumstances Messrs. New Assam Coal Trading Company, Calcutta was appointed whole-sale Distributing Agent for the Government of Assam for supply of hard and soft coke to Depot Holders of Assam ?
- (b) Whether any tender was called for from the public before the above firm was appointed wholesale Distributing Agent ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that the said firm which charged the maximum commission of 2·8 per ton, allowed under the Colliery Control Order, is now charging at the rate of five per cent for the total bills, which is higher than the rate fixed by the Government of India ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that the supply of the firm is irregular and various allegations have been made before the Additional Deputy Commissioner, in-charge of Supply, Gauhati and that he has reported that the conduct of the Company is not above board and has suggested a thorough enquiry ?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that a petition was submitted before the said Additional Deputy Commissioner praying for sanction of prosecution under Essential Supplies Act ?
- (f) What action has so far been taken on that petition ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister-in-charge of Mines and Minerals) replied:

908. (a)—Upto 1959 permits were issued by the Deputy Coal Controller, Government of India to individual dealers to move coal from Bihar and West Bengal coal fields to Assam destinations. This system did not work satisfactorily as the individual dealers used to appoint middle-man to move coke, and it was considered necessary to appoint a whole-sale agent to move coal in order to ensure regular movement. In 1960 Messrs. New Assam Coal Trading Company, Calcutta who are an experienced firm were appointed whole-sale agent to move 25 per cent of the coke on an experimental basis. Their performance was found satisfactory and they were given monopoly upto 1961 to move coal to Assam.

(b)—No.

(c)—No. The agents are still charging 1·50 nP. and 2·50 nP. per ton for soft coke and hard coke respectively in pursuance of the Colliery Control Order.

(d)—A representation was received by the Deputy Commissioner, Kamrup alleging irregular supplies of hard and soft coke by the firm. The matter is being enquired into by the Deputy Commissioner.

(e)—Yes.

(f)—The Deputy Commissioner, Kamrup has obtained an explanation from the firm for the irregularities complained. The matter is pending before him for final decision.

Re: Unspent Money by P. W. D. in Cachar

Shri NANDA KISHORE SINGHA (Silchar-West) asked:

909. Will the Minister, P. W. D. (R. & B.) be pleased to state—

- (a) How much money has been left unspent by the P. W. D. in the district of Cachar?
- (b) Whether Government propose to enquire into the reasons for non-utilization of funds against schemes already sanctioned?
- (c) What are the buildings left undone though provided in the Budget?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI [Minister of State, P. W. D. (R. & B.)] replied.

909. (a)—Rupees 6,59,725 out of 2.14 crores and Rs.3,51,156 out of Rs.54.8 lakhs at the end of the 2nd Plan and first year (1961-62) of the 3rd Plan respectively. The reason for this being non-finalization of land acquisition cases, shortage of essential materials like Cement, C. I. Sheets and rods and transport bottle-neck.

(c)—Does not arise.

(c)—Two lists of buildings are placed on the Library Table.

Re: Whole-sale Distributor of Hard and Soft Coke in Kamrup and Goalpara

Mr. HOMESWAR DEB CHOUDHURY (Patacharkuchi) asked:

910. Will the Supply Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) Under what circumstances M/s. R.K. Dindyal of Gauhati was appointed whole-sale Distributing Agents for Kamrup and Goalpara for hard as well as soft coke?
- (b) Whether any tender was called for before settling the same with this particular firm?

(c) Whether it is a fact that this firm has been given ten Wagons of Hard coke annually as a Depot holder in addition to his privileges as a whole-sale Distributing Agent ?

(d) Whether it is a fact that the normal allotment of a Depot holder is very much less ?

(e) Whether it is a fact that this firm has also been charging commission at the rate of 5 per cent, against the maximum of 2.8 per cent fixed by the Government of India, and at the moment Depot holders have been compelled to pay at 5 per cent commission to both the companies ?

(f) Whether Government is aware that this is against the orders of the Government of India in the Colliery Control Order ?

(g) Whether Government proposes to suspend the permits of both the firm as stated in questions 26(a) and 27(a) and call for tenders before settling the same with any firm ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister-in-charge of Mines and Minerals) replied :

910. (a)—The two whole sale agents, *viz.*, M/S. Radhakrishna Dindayal and M/S. New Assam Trading Co., who move coke from Bihar and West Bengal coalfields to Assam on 50:50 basis have made a working arrangement that the former would serve the consumers in Goalpara and Kamrup and the other in the rest of Assam.

(b)—No.

(c)—Yes. The firm continues to act as dealer also after its appointment as whole sale Agent.

(d)—Allotment to a Depot holder depends on the number and demand of consumers he serves.

(e)—No. The agent is still charging Rs.2.50 nP. and Rs.1.50 np. per ton of Hard coke and Soft coke respectively in pursuance of the Colliery Control Order.

(f)—Does not arise in view of (e) above.

(g)—No. There is no such proposal under consideration at present.

Re: Blindness and Deafnutes

Dr. GHANASHYAM DAS [North-Salmara (Reserved for Scheduled Castes)] asked :

911. Will the Minister-in-charge of Medical be pleased to the state—

(a) Whether any Blindness and Deafnutes survey has been conducted in this State ?

(b) If so, what is the total number of blindness and deafnutes ?

(c) If not, why not ?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister-in-charge of Medical) replied :

911. (a)—Not so far.

(b)—Does not arise.

(c)—For such survey Government has no such machinery. But so far blindness is concerned Government is consulting Assam Council of Blindness for such survey.

Re : Installation of Industries during Second Five Year Plan period

Shri LOKHYANATH DOLEY [North-Lakhimpur (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] asked :

912. Will the Minister-in-charge of Industries be pleased to state—

(a) The kind of industries installed in the State during the period of the second five year plan in the private sector ?

(b) The total number of employment provided by such industries giving separately the number of employment given to local persons.

(c) The nature and extent of protection (if any) given to plywood factories in the state ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

912. (a)—Kind of industries installed in the State during the Second Five Year Plan period in the private sector are :—

Engineering industries like cycle factory, rerolling mill, tea garden machinery, structural and fabrication units.

Food processing industries like flour mill, oil mill, etc.

Timber based industries like saw mill, plywood, furniture units matches, etc.

Chemical industries like soap, phenyle, insecticides, caffeine, pharmaceuticals, etc.

(b)—The figures are not available.

(c)—No specific protection is given to the plywood industry but certain price concession is granted to the Industry in respect of plylogs supplied by the Government. The Government supplies plylogs for teacheat at Rs. 3.37nP. per cft. as against the market price of about 4 per cft. In addition, a further rebate of 0.12 nP. per cft. is given for commercial plywood. The ART Co. however gets its logs cheaper at Rs.1.37nP. per cft due to old lease.

Re: Revision of Pay Scale of Supply Officers**Shri ABDUL MUNIM CHOUDHURY (Karimganj-South)** asked:

913. Will the Minister-in-charge of Finance be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that the Government revised the scales of pay of the Supply Officers on the recommendation of the Pay Committee of 1956?
- (b) If so, how many officers were benefitted and how many were not benefitted with their names and designation?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that the Supply Department under Memo. No.SDB.116/60/32, dated 30th December, 1960 extended the period of option by three months and again under Memo.No SDB.5/61/59, dated 7th July, 1961 the options exercised by the officers were not accepted by the Finance?
- (d) If so, why?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that a number of Housing Inspectors were given time for exercising option for one month very recently by the Finance Department though they did not opt at all?
- (f) If so, why?
- (g) Whether it is a fact that a number of Supply Officers' cases were kept pending in the Finance Establishment for a long time?
- (h) If so, why such unusual delay?
- (i) Whether Government propose to consider the cases of the Supply Officers and allow them to avail the benefit of revised scales of 1956 for these officers appointed that year?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Finance) replied:

913. (a)—The Pay Committee 1956 did not recommend revised scales of pay for the officers of the Supply Department as the future of the Department was then uncertain. Government subsequently prescribed revised scales for these officers with retrospective effect on the analogy of the recommendations made by the Pay Committee in respect of comparable posts in the other Departments of Government.

(b)—All officers who elected the revised scales within the stipulated period and who possessed the requisite qualification laid down against the revised scales (Revision of Pay Rules) 1956 presumably benefitted. Some officers may have preferred pre-revision scale as being more advantageous or failed to opt within the stipulated period. A statement containing the pre-revision and the revised pay-scales with effect from 1st October, 1956 is placed on the Library Table. The number of officers benefitted by the revision is not readily available.

(c)—No. Memo.No.SDB.116/60/32 dated 30th December, 1960 provided for option by a category of officers. As all the officers of that category were not included in this Memo., it was revised by Memo.No.SDB. 5/61/59 dated 7th July, 1951.

(d)—Does not arise.

(e)—Only one Inspector of Housing was allowed a further period for one month to exercise option for the revised scale on the merit of the case.

(f)—The officer actually exercised option for the revised scale within the stipulated time but instead of submitting his option paper direct to the Accountant General, submitted the same to his Administrative Department, who did not forward it to the Accountant General in time.

(g)—No. The case of only one Inspector of Supply, who did not exercise option for the revised scale within the stipulated time was referred by the Accountant General to Finance (Establishment) Department on 2nd March, 1962 and the matter is under correspondence with the Accountant General and the Deputy Director of Supply, Procurement, Gauhati.

(h)—Does not arise.

(i)—The revision of pay-scale was effected on 9th April, 1960 but retrospective effect was given to the revision from 1st October, 1956. Government servants appointed on after 1st October, 1956 but before the date of publication of the revised scales were, therefore, given option either to retain the pre-revision scales or to opt for the revised scales. As regards those who did not elect the revised scales, there is no contemplation of giving fresh spell of option generally. However, the cases of such officers are considered individually on merit.

Re: Confirmation of Secretariat U. D. A.

Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH (Amguri) asked:

914. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) The circumstances under which batches of assistant in the Assam Secretariat were confirmed as U. D. Assistants in the office orders issued under Memo. No.S.459/55—A/B, dated 29th October 1957 and No.S(E)307/58, dated 7th January 1960 ?

(b) The number of Assistants and their names who were left out from the aforesaid orders ?

(c) Whether it is a fact, that the assistants who were graded as belonging to 'A' category were confirmed from 29th October 1957 to 7th January 1960 and those who were grade 'B' and 'C' were left out from the lists of confirmed assistants ?

- (d) Whether it is a fact that some of the assistants graded 'B' were subsequently confirmed on review of their cases from time to time and restored their seniority in U. D. Cadre ?
- (e) If so, whether Government will be pleased to furnish a list of such assistants indicating the date of their confirmation may be furnished ?
- (f) Whether some of the Officiating assistants graded 'B' and 'X' are still awaiting confirmation in U. D. cadre and whether their cases have been recommended by the Gradation Committee and approved by A.P.S.C. about a year ago and if so, why they have not been confirmed in U. D. cadre up till now ?
- (g) Whether it is a fact that the assistant who were graded as 'B' category assistants and awaiting confirmation in U. D. cadre, submitted representations to the Chief Secretary to the Government on 22nd December 1961 and if so, what is the fate of these representations, and whether any reply has been given to the representationists ?
- (h) How long it is taken by Government to dispose of such cases of representations ?
- (i) Whether it is a fact that the assistants who were found "very good 'B'" were graded 'A' and those who were found 'Good' were graded 'B' and those who were found unfit were marked 'X' and if so, why the assistant graded 'B' had not been confirmed so far, particularly when the whole position as to the relative merit of the assistants were clarified on the floor of the Assembly in budget speech on the 25th March, 1960 ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

914. (a)—The Assam Secretariat Subordinate Service Rule, 1954 having come into force with its publication on 8th October 1955, the question of promotion, confirmation, etc., in the Secretariat had to be done according to its provisions. Naturally it took some time in the matter of confirmation of the Assistants during which number of vacancies as well as number of eligible candidates for confirmation in the U. D. Cadre accumulated. Since it became a huge task both for the Gradation Committee and A.P.S.C., selection had been made in batches and accordingly confirmation orders were issued in batches.

(b)—The number of the Assistants is 43.

Their names are furnished in the statement placed on the Library table.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—Yes. Some of the Assistants graded 'B' by the Gradation Committee were subsequently graded 'A' after review of the cases of all the 43 assistants and this review was made at a time and not separately.

(c)—Yes. A list of the Assistants is placed on the Library table.

(f)—Yes. These Assistants were recommended by the Gradation Committee in 1961 whereas some other Assistants were found fit earlier by the Gradation Committee in 1959 and 1960 respectively and they are also awaiting confirmation pending fixation of seniority of the Assistants involved.

(g)—Yes. Some of the Assistants submitted representations. The matter is already under active consideration of Government. No reply has yet been given to the representationists.

(h)—It depends upon the circumstances of the cases but steps are taken to dispose of such matters as early as possible.

(i)—No. The clarification given by the Chief Minister on the floor of the House on 25th March 1960 was in the matter of promotion and not of confirmation.

Re: Number of Engineers

Shri LAKSHMI PRASAD GOSWAMI (Laharighat) asked:

915. Will the Minister, P.W.D. (R. & B.) be pleased to state—

(a) Total number of Engineers under the Department ?

(b) The number of temporary and confirmed Engineers ?

(c) The name of Temporary Engineers and the year in which each of them was appointed ?

(d) Number of permanent post lying vacant and the year since when they are lying vacant.

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI [Minister of State, P. W. D. (R. & B.)] replied :

915. (a)—R. and B. Wing 148

F. C. and I. Wing 62

Total 210

(b)—Number of Ty. Engineers—

R. and B. Wing 128

F. C. and I Wing 49

Total 177

Number of confirmed Engineers—

R. and B. Wing 20

F. C. and I Wing 13

Total 33

(c)—The names of Ty. Engineer and the year may be seen in the list—

Name of Ty. Engineers					Year of recruitment	Remarks
1.	F. Kharkongor	...	...	...	1947	
2.	N. Rynjha	...	...	...	1948	
3.	H. Pasha	...	...	...	1950	
4.	B. Sarma	...	...	...	1950	
5.	B. N. Talukdar	...	...	...	1951	
6.	G. K. Medhi	...	...	...	1951	
7.	S. Islam	...	...	...	1952	
8.	H. E. Roy	...	...	...	"	
9.	S. S. Choudhury	...	...	...	"	
10.	U. N. Barua	...	...	...	"	
11.	S. P. Sarkar	...	...	...	"	
12.	S. Gogoi	...	...	...	1953	(Now on deputation to Education Department).
13.	D. Talukdar	...	...	...	"	
14.	M. Zaman	...	...	...	"	
15.	A. K. Roy Choudhury	...	...	...	1954	
16.	S. N. Sarma	...	...	...	"	(On deputation to P. H. Department).
17.	G. N. Goswami	...	...	...	"	
18.	T. K. Das Gupta	...	...	...	"	
19.	R. K. Sarma	...	...	...	1955	(On deputation to Education Department).
20.	A. N. Choudhury	...	...	...	"	
21.	R. K. Datta	...	...	...	"	

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Name of Ty. Engineers					Year of recruitment	Remarks
22.	M. M. Saikia	...	...	...	1955	6
23.	S. Rahman	...	...	...	"	
24.	S. R. Choudhury	..	...	...	"	
25.	P. K. Barua	...	...	...	"	
26.	S. K. Datta Choudhury	...	...	...	"	
27.	Panna Lal	...	...	...	1957	
28.	R. A. Singh	...	...	..	"	
29.	I. Varma ...	...	...	...	"	6
30.	G. K. Datta	...	...	...	1956	
31.	P. K. Medhi	...	...	...	1955	
32.	K. K. Das	...	...	...	1956	
33.	T. Sarma	...	...	...	"	
34.	I. Rasul ...	...	...	...	"	
35.	P. Talukdar	...	...	...	"	
36.	N. C. Hazarika	...	...	...	1957	
37.	A. Dakhar	...	...	...	"	
38.	A. K. Saharia	...	...	...	"	
39.	D. N. Sarma	...	...	...	"	
40.	S. K. Das	...	...	...	"	
41.	K. T. Ao ...	...	...	...	"	
42.	G. Gohain	...	...	...	"	
43.	D. N. Patwary	...	...	...	"	
44.	B. K. Roy	...	...	...	"	
45.	B. Kharmalki	...	...	...	"	
46.	R. R. Paul	...	...	..	"	
47.	B. C. Kar	...	...	...	1956	
48.	H. N. Chakravarty...	...	...	...	1958	
49.	R. M. Das	...	...	...	"	
50.	H. K. Goswami	..	...	...	"	

Name of Ty. Engineers				Year of recruitment	Remarks
51. S. K. Seal	...	...	...	1958	
52. B. Sarma	...	...	...	"	
53. B. C. Khatoriar	...	...	...	"	
54. I. Barua	...	...	...	"	(On deputa- tion to India Re- fineries).
55. A. N. Das	...	...	...	"	
56. P. K. Parthasarathy	...	...	...	1959	
57. C. K. Hazarika	...	...	...	"	
58. D. K. Das	...	...	...	"	
59. A. Barua	...	...	...	"	
60. A. Choudhury	...	...	...	"	
61. D. Sarma	...	...	...	"	
62. N. N. Barua	...	...	...	"	
63. U. Sarma	...	...	...	"	
64. K. R. Radhakrishnan	Nayar	...	...	1960	
65. M. Ahmed	...	...	...	"	
66. S. K. Chakraborty	...	...	...	"	
67. A. K. Das	...	...	...	"	
68. S. D. Datta	...	...	...	"	
69. G. K. Gogoi	...	...	...	"	
70. M. M. Nath	...	...	...	"	
71. A. Barua	...	...	...	"	
72. J. Barua	...	...	...	"	
73. K. K. Barua	...	...	...	"	
74. P. K. Barua	...	...	...	"	
75. P. C. Barua	...	...	...	"	
76. D. K. Bhattacharjee	...	...	...	"	
77. L. Bora	...	...	...	"	
78. B. N. Das	...	...	...	"	

Name of Ty. Engineers					Year of recruiting at	Remarks
79.	G. C. Das	...	..	...	...	1960
80.	S. C. Das ...	...	..	...	..	"
81.	B. N. Deka	...	...	...	...	"
82.	B. C. Deka	...	...	...	..	"
83.	R. N. Deka	...	...	...	...	"
84.	R. N. Goswami	...	...	...	...	"
85.	M. Islam	...	...	...	...	"
86.	N. N. Konger	...	...	..	..	"
87.	J. Paul	..	...	...	...	"
88.	K. N. Saikia	...	...	...	...	"
89.	B. Sarma	...	...	...	...	"
90.	B. Sengupta	..	...	...	...	"
91.	G. Sinha	...	...	..	...	"
92.	G. Talukdar	...	...	...	...	"
93.	A. S. Ghafoor	—	...	...	...	"
94.	Rabulla	...	..	...	...	"
95.	P. C. Mech	...	...	...	...	"
96.	P. B. Barua	...	...	...	...	"
97.	R. K. Bora	...	...	...	...	"
98.	B. Talukdar	...	...	...	...	"
99.	M. C. Talukdar	..	...	...	...	"
100.	K. Thangzualla	..	..	...	...	"
101.	D. N. Sarma	...	...	...	...	1961
102.	J. N. Patgiri	...	...	..	...	"
103.	U. Barthakur	...	...	...	...	"
104.	B. P. Hazarika	...	...	...	...	"
105.	D. C. Bhattacharjee	...	..	...	...	"
106.	N. N. Barua	..	...	...	...	"
107.	B. C. Das	...	...	...	..	"

Name of Ty. Engineers				Year of recruitment	Remarks
108. J. M. Borah	...	...	...	1961	
109. G. C. Thakuria	...	...	...	"	
110. J. K. Gohain	...	...	...	"	
111. K. C. Deka	...	...	...	"	
112. R. P. Kakati	...	...	...	"	
113. A. Quddus	...	...	...	"	
114. M. M. Das	...	...	...	"	
115. H. Talukdar	...	...	...	"	
116. B. P. Sarmah	...	...	...	"	
117. J. K. Dattagupta	...	...	...	"	
118. S. K. Bhattacharjee	...	...	...	"	
119. A. Huszain	...	...	...	"	
120. A. K. Mazumder	...	...	...	"	
121. S. Ali	...	...	...	"	
122. K. K. Datta	..	...	...	"	
123. A. Dasgupta	...	...	...	"	
124. Syed Z. Haque	...	...	...	1962	
125. S. M. Mazumder	...	...	...	"	
126. D. Datta	...	...	...	1961	
127. R. K. Das	...	...	...	1962	
128. A. F. I. Ahmed	..	...	...	1961	
F. C. & I. WING					
1. Syed Anwar Shah	...	..	...	1950	
2. D. N. Konwar	...	...	...	1952	
3. K. C. Pathak	...	...	...	1952	
4. S. N. Phukhan	...	...	...	1952	(On depu- tation).
5. B. N. Gogoi	...	...	...	1952	
6. B. C. Medhi	...	...	...	1953	
7. T. A. Kazi	...	...	...	1953	

Name of Ty. Engineers				Year of recruitment	Remarks
8. H. R. Brahma	...	...	...	1953	
9. S. K. Barua	...	..	..	..	(On depu- tation).
10. T. S. Gopinath	...	...	...	..	
11. Avtar Singh	...	...	...	1954	(On depu- tation).
12. B. C. Barooah	...	...	...	..	
13. U. K. Barman	..	...	...	..	
14. S. K. Nath	...	...	..	1955	(On depu- tation).
15. J. Ahmed	...	...	...	..	
16. P. K. Bezbarua	...	...	...	..	
17. D. C. Gogoi	...	...	...	..	
18. R. N. Hazarika	...	...	...	1956	
19. J. C. Mahanta	...	...	...	..	
20. A. N. Pathak	...	...	..	1957	
21. L. P. Sarma	..	..	..	..	
22. J. P. Awatramani	...	..	...	1958	
23. S. L. Mukherjee	...	...	...	..	
24. P. C. Jain	...	...	..	1959	
25. J. C. Barua	..	...	..	1960	
26. D. C. Hazarika	...	...	...	..	
27. A. Fazal	...	...	...	..	
28. P. P. Sarma	...	...	...	..	
29. A. K. Purkayastha	...	...	...	..	
30. T. N. Barman	...	...	..	..	
31. B. B. Barua	...	...	...	...	
32. A. S. Abdullah	...	...	...	..	
33. S. K. Ghose	...	...	...	..	
34. J. N. Patowary	...	...	...	..	
35. N. K. Choudhury	..	...	..	..	

Name of Ty. Engineers				Year of recruitment	Remarks
36.	T. Rahman	...	...	...	1960
37.	P. Borah	...	...	...	"
38.	B. C. Bordoloi	...	...	...	"
39.	B. K. Das	...	...	...	"
40.	H. Nayak	..	...	...	1961
41.	A. K. Choudhury	...	...	..	"
42.	R. Goswami	...	...	...	"
43.	B. Sarma	..	...	...	"
44.	S. Choudhury	...	...	...	"
45.	K. Goswami	...	...	...	"
46.	J. N. Das	..	...	...	"
47.	P. C. Deka	...	...	..	"
48.	S. K. Das	...	...	...	"
49.	N. Amin	...	...	...	"

(d)—Number of permanent vacant Posts in A. E. S. Class—I—
20—Total—

16	Post lying vacant with effect from	1st April 1958.
1	"	12th October 1959.
1	"	21st April 1960.
1	"	16th December 1961.
1	"	1st February 1962.

Total ... 20

Number of permanent vacant Posts in A.E.S. Class—II—88 Total—

1	Post lying vacant with effect from	1st April 1952.
1	"	17th July 1956.
1	"	1st October 1956.
10	"	1st April 1957.
57	"	1st April 1958.
16	"	1st April 1959.
1	"	19th April 1958.
1	"	20th April 1958.

Total ... 88

Re: Fire affected families in Mangaldai

Shri SIBA PRASAD SARMA (Mangaldai) asked:

916. Will the Minister in-charge, Revenue be pleased to state—

- (a) The total number of families affected by fire in the Mangaldai Assembly Constituency from January, 1962 to 31st May 1962 ?
- (b) The amount of gratuitous Relief granted to the affected families ?
- (c) Whether there is any application for loan ?
- (d) If so, the amount sanctioned so far ?
- (e) If the answer to (c) above is in the negative, whether Government will investigate into the matter ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Minister of State for Revenue) replied :

916. (a)— 31 families.

(b)—No.

(c)—Yes, only 9 persons applied for loan.

(d)—Rupees 680 was issued as Rehabilitation loan to 5 deserving applicant.

(e)—Does not arise.

Re: Training of Members and Workers in Co-operative Societies

Shrimati LILY SEN GUPTA (Lahowal) asked:

917. Will the Minister in-charge of Co-operative be pleased to state—

- (a) How many member and workers of the Co-operative Societies of the State have been given training by the Department up to December, 1961 ?
- (b) Where and when these trainings were given ?
- (c) What was the total expenditure incurred for this purpose ?

- (d) Whether there is any provision to give training for these members and workers district-wise ?
- (e) Whether there are Zonal Organisers from the Government to organise the Co-operative Societies in the State ?
- (f) If so, who are those ?
and
- (g) If not whether Government propose to consider this matter of appointment of Zonal Organisers ?

Sbri LALIT KUMAR DOLEY (Deputy Minister, Co-operations)
replied :

917. (a)—Six hundred and thirty-one office bearers of the Co-operative Societies have been trained by the Department up to December, 1961 at different Training Institutes. Sixteen thousands three hundred and sixty members and workers of Co-operative Societies have been trained by the Assam State Co-operative Union, a non-official organisation of Co-operators.

(b)—Out of 631 trained by the Department 477 have been trained in the Assam Co-operative Training Institute, Joysagar between the period 15th October 1954 to 31st December 1961, 139 in the Tezpur Co-operative Institute between the period from 2nd September 1957 to 31st March 1959, 13 at the Co-operative Training College, Poona between 1st April, 1952 to 31st December 1961 and 6 in the Regional Co-operative Training Centre, Ranchi between 15th November, 1954 to 31st December, 1961.

Sixteen thousand three hundred and Sixty members, office bearers have been given trained by the Assam State Co-operative Union in the following 13 Subdivisions between the period for 1957 to December, 1961.

- (1) Dibrugarh, (2) Jorhat, (3) Golaghat, (4) Nowgong,
(5) Mangaldoi, (6) Silchar, (7) Hailakandi, (8) Dhubri,
(9) Goalpara, (10) Gauhati (11) Barpeta, (12) Garo Hills,
(13) Mikir Hills.

(c)—A sum of Rs.1,36,497.85 was incurred to the payment of the stipend and Travelling Allowance for the trainees trained in the Assam Co-operative Training Institute, Joysagar and Tezpur Training Institute, (50 per cent of this cost was borne by the State Government and 50 per cent by the Reserve Bank of India). The Assam State Co-operative Union spent a sum of Rs.1,20,863 towards the training of the non-official Co-operative workers.

(d)—Yes, there is an arrangement for training the members and workers of Co-operative Institutions in the District and Subdivisions by the Assam State Co-operative Union and its affiliated District and Subdivisional Unions. They have 13 Training Units which work in the Districts and Subdivisions. The Subdivisions where they have been given training have been stated in answer 13(b)

(e)—No.

(f) & (g)—Do not arise.

Re: Hiring of private houses for Government Office**Shri DANDI RAM DUTTA (Kalaigaon)** asked :

918. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) The amount paid by the Government for hiring private houses for Government office purpose at Shillong for the last 3 years ?
- (b) The amount paid by the Government for hiring private houses for Government office purpose in each subdivision of the State for the last 3 years ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

918. (a) —Rupees 5,45,965.84 nP.

(b)—Information is being collected.

Re: Scholarships *ex-gratia* grant to the students for study abroad**Shri DULAL CHANDRA BARUA (Jorhat)** asked :

919. Will the Minister-in-charge of Education be pleased to state—

- (a) What is the total amount sanctioned as loan/scholarships *ex-gratia* grant and stipend to the students for going abroad for foreign study during the last two plan periods ?
- (b) What are the subjects for which the various grants and scholarships stated above were given ?
- (c) What were the principles formulated to consider the desirability of an applicant to sanction the grant/loans/scholarships, etc. ?
- (d) Whether any quota or allotment was fixed according to need of the State ?
- (e) If so, how and what is the number of such seats, according to the subjects ?
- (f) What is the present number of such students who have gone availing the benefit of loan/stipend/scholarship/*ex-gratia* grant during the above plan period ?

Shri DEV KANT BOROOAH (Minister, Education) replied :919. (a)—Loan—Rs.6,85,624. Overseas scholarships—£20,800 approximately. *Ex-gratia* grant—Rs.81,600.

(b)—Medical, Engineering, Veterinary, Agriculture and Dairying, Arts, Science and Commerce.

(c)—Overseas scholarships are awarded purely on merit. Loans and grants, are awarded to student who should have had given evidence of conspicuous merit, and who are likely to be of benefit to the State after completion of higher studies/training.

(d)—There was no fixed quota or allotment. Scholarships are created according to availability of funds.

(e)—Does not arise.

(f)—Loan	...	..	...	...	...	88
Scholarships	...	...	...	...	...	52
<i>Ex-gratia</i> grant	...	...	...	...	...	26

Re: Scholarships for studying Architecture in Bombay

Shri TARAPADA BHATTACHERJEE (Katigora) asked :

920. Will the Minister-in-charge of Education be pleased to state—

- (a) The number and value of scholarships awarded annually by the Government of Assam tenable at the Sir J. J. College of Architecture, Bombay for study of Architecture ?
- (b) Since which year these scholarships were introduced ?
- (c) What is the procedure of awarding these scholarships and who is the selecting authority for admission of students to this Institute. Whether the College authorities or the Assam Government ?
- (d) Names (with home districts) of the students from Assam who were allowed admission to the said College year-wise since inception of the scholarship scheme, together with a statement against each scholar showing as to whether he was selected by the College authorities or was deputed on special recommendation of the Assam Government and also whether the scholar concerned has regularly completed the course and who amongst the scholars have so far come out successful from the said College ?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that the scholarships are generally remitted very irregularly causing much inconvenience to the scholars concerned, much to the detriment of their study ?
- (f) If so, what positive steps have been taken by the Government to ensure regular payment ?

Shri DEV KANT BOROOAH (Minister, Education) replied :

920. (a)—Two Scholarship at Rs.130 per mensem per year with the following additional benefits:—

(i) Grant of books and apparatus—Rs.120 in the 1st year and Rs.40 in each of the subsequent years.

(ii) Travelling allowance Rs.50 for each journey to and from the Institute.

(b)—One Scholarship has been created in 1949-50 and other in 1956-57.

(c)—College authorities make the selection of candidates for admission. Selected candidates, on admission, submit applications to the Technical Education Directorate. The scholarship committee for Engineering Scholarships make selection of candidates on the basis of merit.

(d)—Information are not available from the period from the inception (1949-50) to 1954-55. Information for the subsequent periods are as per Appendix "A".

APPENDIX 'A'

Year	Name of awards	Home District	Dis- trict	Selecting Authority	Name of passed out Stu- dents
1955-56	Shri Gouri Kanta Barman	..	..	Kamrup College	Information not avail- able.
1956-57	Nil.	..	..	..	..
1957-58	1. Arun Kumar Das ..	..	..	Cachar Do.	Do.
	2. Sobhadar Dowera ..	..	..	Do.	Do.
1958-59	1. Bipin Behari Deka ..	..	..	Do.	Do.
	2. Rabindra Kumar Das ..	..	..	Do.	Do.
1959-60	1. Pranab Kumar Choudhury ..	..	..	Do.	Do
	2. Munindra Mohon Choudhury	..	U. K. & J. Hills,	Do.	Do.
1960-61	1. Miss Gayotri Agarwala ..	..	Darrang	Do.	Do.
	2. Upen Kakoti ..	..	Kamrup	Do.	Do.
1961-62	1. Biswa Dutta ..	..	Do.	Do.	Do.

(e)—No.

(f)—Does not arise.

Re: Granting of amounts to Assam State Co-operative Union**Shri MOHANANDA BORA** (Bihpuria), asked :

921. Will the Minister-in-charge of Co-operative Department be pleased to state—

- (a) What are the amounts granted year by year to the Assam State Co-operative Union since its registration on 12th September, 1955 ?
- (b) What are substantial works done by the Institution during these years ?
- (c) Whether this institution has Subdivisional branches ?
- (d) If so, who are the presidents and Secretaries of the Sub-Divisional branches ?
- (e) Whether any amount is given to these branches either by the Government or by the State organisation ?
- (f) Who are the members of these organisations either by the Government or by the State Organisation ?
- (g) Who are the members of these organisation either at the State or at the Subdivision ?
- (h) Whether these members are to pay any contribution ?
- (i) If so, what is the levy ?
- (j) What is the amount totally collected till now on this account ?

Shri LALIT KUMAR DOLEY (Deputy Minister, Co-operation) replied :

921. (a)—The amounts granted year by year to the Assam State Co-operative Union are as follows:—

					Rs.
1955-56	..	...	...	...	2,700.00
1956-57	...	...	...	..	1,620.00
1957-58	...	...	...	...	36,729.00
1958-59	...	...	..	...	44,864.00
1959-60	...	...	...	..	43,219.00
1960-61	...	..	...	...	1,16,541.00
1961-62	...	...	...	...	1,69,000.00
Total					4,14,673.00

(b)—It has conducted Co-operative Training classes and trained 19,225 members and office bearers of Co-operative Societies, and had held seminars, Conference, etc., on Co-operation. It has also published Magazines, Booklets, etc., and is thus popularising the Co-operative Movement.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—A list is placed on the Library Table.

(e)—Previously no funds were given. In the current year there is a provision for monthly grants of Rs.150 each to the District and Subdivisional Unions towards payment of remuneration for an organising Secretary and office contingencies.

(f)—All the Subdivisional/District Co-operative Unions, Apex and the State Level Co-operative Societies are the members of the Union. There is also provision for individual members.

(g)—The Registered Societies in the area of operation of the District/Subdivisional Co-operative Unions are eligible for membership of the Union at the District/Subdivisional level.

(h)—Yes.

(i)—The following are the rates of subscription to be paid by the members to the Union.

STATE UNION

(i) Central financing agency ...	Rs. 75
(ii) Apex society ...	150
(iii) Societies having capital and reserve of Rs.2,000 or more	15
(iv) District Societies ...	25
(v) Individual ...	10
(vi) Patron ...	250
(vii) Other Small Societies ...	5

(j)—Rupees 2,827.

Re : Registered Fisheries

Shri MAHADEB DAS [Bhabanipur (Reserved for Scheduled Castes)] asked:

922. Will the Minister, Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) What is the total number of Registered fisheries in the State ?

(b) What is the total amount of these registered fisheries and who are the lessees for the current year? (Information wanted in Subdivision-wise).

(c) How many such fisheries are leased out to fishery Societies, individual Scheduled Caste fishermen? (Information wanted Subdivision-wise).

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Minister of State for Revenue)
replied :

922. (a)—Seven hundred and Sixteen.

(b)—Revenue for the current 1962-63 :—

				Rs.	nP.
Dibrugarh	..	...	...	2,74,000	00
N. Lakhimpur	..	...	...	1,59,537	00
Sibsagar	...	...	...	1,23,425	51
Jorhat	...	...	...	1,25,654	90
Golaghat	...	...	...	1,16,750	01
Nowgong	...	...	...	4,77,770	22
Tezpur	...	..	...	1,20,151	00
Mangaldoi	...	...	...	1,23,844	74
Gauhati	...	...	...	1,45,315	00
Barpeta	..	...	...	4,82,132	71
Dhubri	...	...	..	3,30,450	24
Goalpara	...	..	...	1,10,550	81
Kokrajhar	...	...	..	5,720	00
Silchar ..	...	...	...	1,92,234	00
Karimganj	...	...	...	41,876	65
Hailakandi	...	...	...	2,275	00

A list showing the names of the lessees Subdivision wise for the current year 1962-63 is placed on the Library Table.

(c) Subdivision				Fishery Societies formed of actual fishermen of the Scheduled Caste	Individual Scheduled Caste
Dibrugarh	...	...	...	19	16
N. Lakhimpur	...	...	...	2	23
Sibsagar	...	..	..	9	14
Jorhat	..	...	...	3	16
Golaghat	...	...	..	2	9
Nowgong	...	...	...	2	30
Tezpur	...	..	..	2	6
Mangaldoi	...	...	...	...	6
Gauhati	...	...	..	6	14
Barpeta	..	...	...	5	22
Dhubri	..	...	...	4	24
Goalpara	...	...	..	4	8
Kokrajhar	...	...	...	...	3
Silchar	...	...	...	1	27
Karimganj	...	...	...	...	6
Hailakandi	...	...	...	...	...

Re: Flood affected families in Dhubri Subdivision

Shri ZAHIRUL ISLAM (Mankachar) asked :

923. Will the Revenue Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) How many families in each Anchalik Panchayat under Dhubri Subdivision were affected by flood according to official assessment ?
- (b) The Quantum of Gratuitous Relief and Seed Loan allotted to each Anchalik Panchayat up-to-date ?

- (c) Whether Gratuitous relief and Seed loan were distributed according to the number of affected families in each Anchalik Panchayat ?
- (d) Whether the Deputy Commissioner allotted the quota of gratuity and seed loan in consultation with any committee or individual ?
- (e) Whether the allotment was in conformity with the number and size of the affected people and locality ?
- (f) If not, why no modification or change in the distribution was proposed ?
- (g) What steps Government propose to take to rehabilitate the eroded people of Mankachar and South Salmara Anchalik Panchayats who are now living without any shelter ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Minister of State for Revenue) replied :

923. (a) to (g)—Information is being collected.

Re: Requisition of lands from Barduar Tea Estate

Shri HARENDRA NATH TALUKDAR (Rampur) asked :

924. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that some bighas of land have been requisitioned from Barduar Tea Estate in the Gauhati Sub-division ?
- (b) If so, when and how many bighas have been requisitioned ?
- (c) What was the purposes of the requisition ?
- (d) Whether the requisitioned areas have been settled with some individuals ?
- (e) If so, whether the Government be pleased to lay on the Table a list of settlers with the following particulars ?
- (i) Name;
 - (ii) Father's name ;
 - (iii) Permanent address ;
 - (iv) Number of bighas settled with ;
 - (v) Age of the settler ;
 - (vi) Whether erosion affected or land-less, and
 - (vii) Occupation ?

(f) Whether there are some preference in the time of allotment ?

(g) If so, what are these ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Minister of State, Revenue) replied :

924. (a)—Yes.

(b)—An area of 3,444B-2K-0L was requisitioned in 1952.

(c)—The land was requisitioned for allotment to the land-less and flood-affected agriculturists.

(d)—Yes.

(e)—The list is placed on the Library Table.

(f)—No.

(g)—Does not arise.

Re : Municipalities and Town Committees of Assam

Shri SANTI RANJAN DAS GUPTA (Lumding) asked :

925. Will the Minister-in-charge of Local Self-Government be pleased to state —

(a) How many Municipalities and/or Town Committees are there in Assam (to be stated separately) ?

(b) What amount of tax is collected by—

(i) Each Municipality.

(ii) Each Town Committee.

(c) What is the monthly expenses (establishment) for—

(i) Each Municipality.

(ii) Each Town Committee.

(d) Whether there is any Municipality and/or Town Committee in Assam which is running at a deficit ?

(e) What is the average percentage of tax collection by each Municipality and/or Town Committee ?

(f) Which Town Committee stands first in the matter of tax collection ?

Shri CHATRA SING TERON (Minister, Local Self-Government) replied :

925. (a)—Municipalities	...	...	...	...	17
Town Committees	...	...	...	...	29.

(b) & (c) —A statement is placed on the Library Table.

(d)—Information is being collected.

(e)—As in (b) & (c).

(f)—Hojai Town Committee.

Re: Agricultural Loan to the Border People

Shri ENOWELL POHSHNA [Jowai (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] asked :

926. Will the Minister-in-charge, Tribal Areas and Welfare of Backward Classes be pleased to state—

(a) The total amount of agricultural loan so far distributed to the border people of—

(i) Shillong Subdivision.

(ii) Jowai Subdivision.

(b) The total amount repaid so far by the people of—

(i) Shillong Subdivision.

(ii) Jowai Subdivision.

(c) Whether Government has received representation from the border people for writing off of the said loan ?

Shri CHATRA SING TERON (Minister-in-charge, Tribal Areas and Welfare of Backward Classes Department) replied :

926. (a)—The hon. Member has not indicated the period from which the required particulars are to be supplied. Any way, it is presumed that he refers to the period from which the special scheme, viz., Border Relief and Rehabilitation Programme, which was executed during the period of three years from 1958-59 to 1960-61 in the three Autonomous Districts, i. e., United K.-J. Hills, Garo Hills, Mizo District with cent per cent financial assistance from the Government of India. During 1961-62, the non-development sector of the aforesaid scheme was implemented. In the scheme for Border Relief and Rehabilitation Programme including the non-development sector, there was no provision for giving relief to the border people in the form of agricultural loans.

The amount of agricultural loans were therefore sanctioned to the applicants applying for such loans irrespective of border or non-border areas of the United K.-J. Hills. The amount of such loans sanctioned in Shillong Subdivision and Jowai Subdivision are given below :—

(i) Shillong Subdivision 1958-59 to 1961-62=Rs.11,55,800

(ii) Jowai Subdivision 1958-59 to 1961-62=Rs.2,47,000

(b)—(i) So far as the realisation of agricultural loans in the Shillong Subdivision, only a sum of Rs.49 was realised up-to-date.

(ii) As regards Jowai Subdivision, no realisation has been made up-to-date.

(c)—Some representations from the people of the United K.-J. Hills were received for writing off of the agricultural loans.

Re: Proprietorships of Chincoorie and Santhalia T. E.

Shri BISWADEV SARMA (Balipara) asked :

927. Will the Minister, Co-operation be pleased to state—

- (a) Who are the proprietors of Chincoorie and Santhalia T. E. of Cachar ?
- (b) How the present proprietors took the management of the gardens ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that these two gardens were purchased by a Co-operative Society registered under the Act ?
- (d) If so, what amount of profit is shown to the Balance Sheets year after year ?
- (e) Who are the Share-holders of the Co-operative Society ?
- (f) How and why Sramik Kalyan Samity came into being in spite of the Co-operative Society in whose name the gardens were taken over ?
- (g) Whether it is a fact that large sum of money is due to the workers by the Management on various accounts ?
- (h) If so, what steps are being taken by the Government on this matter ?
- (i) Who are the members of the Sramik Kalyan Samity and the Co-operative Society and the Directors of the Co-operative Society ?
- (j) What is the source of income of the Sramik Kalyan Samity ?
- (k) Whether it is a fact that the same persons are the Directors and the members of the Sramik Kalyan Samity ?

Shri LALIT KUMAR DOLEY (Deputy Minister, Co-operation) replied:

927. (a)—The Cachar Tea Farming and Industrial Co-operative Ltd. is the present proprietor of Chincoorie T. E. Co. Ltd. and Messrs Santhalia Estate (Private) Ltd. are the proprietors of the Santhalia T. E.

(b)—The present proprietor of the Chincoorie T. E. is the Cachar Tea Farming and Industrial Co-operative Ltd. The Santhalia Estate (Private) Ltd. are still the proprietor of the Santhalia T. E. The former proprietors borrowed money from the United Commercial Bank of India Ltd. and as they could not pay back the Bank filed a case in Calcutta High Court and got the garden attached. The garden was kept in-charge of Receiver of the Court. The Cachar Chah Sramik Union took the management of the garden from the Receiver with the aim of organising a Co-operative Society of the workers which will ultimately purchase the garden. The Sramik Kalyan Samity is a registered Society. The Sramik Kalyan Samity undertook to manage the garden on behalf of the Union till a Co-operative was organised. The Co-operative was subsequently organised and registered as the Cachar Tea Farming and Industrial Co-operative Ltd. The Sramik Kalyan Samity managed the gardens with its own funds and borrowed money and they also arranged payment of instalment of the price of the garden to the Calcutta High Court.

(c)—No. The Cachar Tea Farming and Industrial Co-operative Ltd. has purchased only the Chincoorie T. E. It has not purchased the Santhalia T. E.

(d)—1958-59—Net profit Rs.42.50 nP. before taking over the garden.

1959-60—Net loss Rs.56,290.92 nP.

1959-60—Net profit Rs.44,351.05 nP. for Chincoorie T. E.

(e)—There are two types of members *viz*: Producers members and ordinary members in the Cachar Tea Farming and Industrial Co-operative Society Ltd. Producer members are those who undertake to work in an Industrial, agricultural or commercial undertaking of the Society. Ordinary members consist of Individuals, Co-operative Societies and the Government.

Producers members	...	...	...	...	...	113
Ordinary members (all are individual members)	...	...	...	...	...	185
Total	...	...	...	...	...	298

(f)—As in (b).

(g)—Yes. As per audited Balance sheet for the year 1960-61 the Cachar Tea Farming Industrial Co-operative Ltd. is to pay Rs.83,928.09 to the workers and staff on account of Chincoorie Tea Estate as wages, bonus and provident fund contribution, etc. These are arrear liabilities.

(h)—The management will take appropriate action on it. Government is in no way liable for these dues.

(i)—In the Co-operative Society there are 113 producer members and 185 ordinary members as stated in (e). The following are the members of the Sramik Kalyan Samity :

1. Shri Paresh Chandra Choudhury.
2. Shri Krishna Prasad Gowala.
3. Shri Nirmal Singha.
4. Shri Gouri Sankar Roy, M. L. A.
5. Shri Dwarika Nath Tewari, M. L. A.
6. Shri Sib Sonkar Singha.
7. Shri Tarak Das Roy.

The following are the members of the Board of Directors of the Co-operative Society :

1. Shri Paresh Chandra Choudhury, Chairman.
2. Shri Krishna Prasad Gowala, Vice-Chairman.
3. Shri Nirmal Singha, Secretary.
4. Shri Gouri Sonkar Roy, M. L. A., Member.
5. Shri Dwarika Nath Tewari, M. L. A., Member.
6. Shri Sib Sonkar Singha, Member.
7. Shri Sadha Charan Prajapati, Member.

(j)—Not known as it is not a Co-operative Society.

(k)—The 1st 6 members of the Board of Directors of the Co-operative Society as noted in (i) are also the members of the Board of Directors of the Sramik Kalyan Samity.

Re : Bhelaguri Rotonpur Co-operative Farm

Shri TILOK GOGOI (Teok) asked :

928. Will the Minister of Co-operative be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government is aware about the present position of Bhelaguri Rotonpur Co-operative Farm ?
- (b) How many acres of land have been allotted for this Farming ?
- (c) What is its present progress ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that except the broken signboard on the road side and a few broken houses with jungles around it nothing is to be found there ?
- (e) Whether Government is aware that some of the members of the Society use to come to the site only to sell the fire woods and go away on the next day ?
- (f) Why the Government does not cancel the registration and distribute the land to the landless ?

Shri LALIT KUMAR DOLEY (Deputy Minister, Co-operation) replied :

928. (a)—Yes.

(b)—About 333 acres.

(c)—The Society has, at present, 122 members. They are flood affected people of Majuli area. Reclamation of the land is in progress. The Society is still in infant stage.

(d)—No. The entire area of land has been reclaimed and about 50 bighas have been brought under cultivation.

(e)—No. After the land has been reclaimed, 42 members have so far settled, 10 of them with their families, within the farm and started cultivation.

(f)—When the society is still working, question of cancellation of its registration does not arise.

Re: Registered Contractors of Barpeta

Shri MAHADEB DAS [Bhabanipur (Reserved for Scheduled Castes)] asked :

929. Will the Minister-in-charge of P. W. D. (R. and B.) be pleased to state—

- (a) The number of Registered Contractors of Barpeta P. W. D. Executive Engineer Division and also the lists of such contractors belonging to the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and other Backward Classes ?
- (b) The name of the Contractors who were allotted contracts during the year 1957-58, 1958-59, 1959-60, 1960-61 in the Barpeta Subdivision showing separately their numbers belonging to the Other Backward Classes, Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes along with the amount of works allotted to each case ?
- (c) The names of Contractors of Barpeta Subdivision where tenders were accepted at Scheduled rates during those years stating the amount of contract given in each case ?
- (d) The names of Contractors of the same Subdivision during the same period whose tenders were accepted at a lower rate than the Scheduled rate along with the amount of contract given in each case ?
- (e) The name of Contractors who have been regularly given contracts during those years in the Barpeta Subdivision ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI [Minister of State, P. W. D. (R. and B. Wing)] replied :

929. (a)—Total number of Registered Contractors under Barpeta Division is 211. List of Contractors belonging to Scheduled Castes/Tribes and Other Backward Classes, is placed in the Library Table of the Assembly.

(b), (c), (d) and (e)—A Statement showing the particulars is placed in the Library Table of the Assembly.

Re: Principle for Allotment of Coal Quota

Shri SANTI RANJAN DAS GUPTA (Lumding) asked :

930. Will the Minister-in-charge of Supply be pleased to state—

- (a) The present principles in respect of allotment of coal quota ?
- (b) (i) Quantity available within the State for allotment during the year ?
(ii) Quantity imported from Bihar and/or West Bengal Coal fields ?
- (c) The name of Firms, Industries or individuals district-wise, who were allotted Hard Coke, Soft Coke and BRK Coal during the last allotment ?

- (d) Whether all the individuals allotted coal quota are depot holders and actual dealers ?
- (e) If not, what are the reasons for allotting coal to individuals who are not dealers and have not opened up their own depots ?
- (f) Whether all the dump holders or Government agents are supplying regularly coal to depot holders as per Government allotment to cater the needs of the consumers ?
- (g) If not, what action the Government propose to take against the defaulting suppliers of Government agents ?
- (h) What arrangement Government propose to make to keep down the rising prices and remove the artificial scarcity when supplies are not sufficient according to the needs of the consumers ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Industries)

replied :

930. (a)—On receipt of figures of estimated production for the year from the various coal producers, the Coal Controller, Government of India prepares allotment statement for various categories of consumers. Sanctions are issued by the Coal Controller, Government of India according to demands, and in consultation with the State Coal Controller in so far as the requirements of small scale and Engineering Industries are concerned. The State Coal Controller is not consulted for allotting quota where the undertaking is controlled by Central Government through Development Wing or relevant Commodity Board like the Tea Board.

(b)—(i) 8,01,599 tons of coal.

(ii) No coal except hard and soft coke is generally imported from Bihar and West Bengal. If the hon. Member means 'coke' about 30,000 tons are imported from Bihar and West Bengal for Small Scale and Engineering Industries and general consumers. The quantity imported by the industries registered under the Development Wing, Government of India and the Central Schemes, is not known to the State Government as the allotment is made by the Coal Controller, Government of India direct.

(c)—The list of small scale and Engineering Industries Units, and dealers is placed on the Library Table.

(d)—In case of coke, there are 57 actual users and 144 depot holders (dealers). In case of coal, exact number is not known as the necessary sanction is issued by the Coal Controller, Government of India. The information has been called for from the Government of India.

(e)—Do not arise.

(f)—Supply is occasionally irregular due to restriction on movements of Railway wagons. However, the State Coal Controller keeps in touch with the Railway authorities for speedier movement of wagons carrying coke.

(g)—Does not arise in view of (f) above.

(h)—The prices of coal can be kept down by increasing the production of coal within the State and ensuring to move the coal. The State Government is also considering the possibility of producing hard and soft coke to make the State self-sufficient in coal and coke.

Objection raised by Shri Mohikanta Das, M.L.A., regarding replies of questions

Mr. SPEAKER : The question hour is over.

Shri MOHI KANTA DAS (Barchalla): Sir, we have been supplied with a statement of the questions and answers and it appears therefrom that so far as the short notice questions are concerned, the comparison shown from 1960, 1961 and 1962, shown that the balance is nil. As regards starred questions in 1960, 50 questions remained to be replied to, in 1961, 35 remained to be replied to and in 1962, only 3. In this regard, there has been much improvement, but as regards unstarred questions, we find that in 1960, 108 questions remained to be replied to; in 1961, 191 remained to be replied to and in 1962, 194 remained to be replied to. It shows that so far as unstarred questions are concerned, there has been no improvement. We hope that some steps would be taken by the Government, so that improvement on this side can also take place. As regards the break-up departmentwise, we find, Sir, that so far as the Education Department is concerned, 62 unstarred questions remained to be replied to, Transport 35 starred questions, Labour 21, Co-operative 9, Agriculture 7 unstarred questions.

Shri LAKSHMI PRASAD GOSWAMI (Laharighat): What about Medical?

Shri MOHI KANTA DAS : So far as the Medical Department is concerned, the outstanding is nil and I congratulate the Hon. Minister-in-charge. So far as the unstarred questions are concerned, we hope, Sir, that Government will take steps to see that some improvement is effected here also.

***Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister):** Sir Before we come to this, I would like to enlighten the House as regards the observations made by the hon'ble Member Shri Mohi Kanta Das. My submission is that, Sir, so far as the replies submitted to this August House by the various Government departments, they show that there has been an overall improvement. It shows that, on a percentage basis, 83 per cent of the questions were replied to in 1960-61 and in 1962, i. e. this session, reply comes to about 87 per cent. I would submit, Sir, that this percentage compares very favourably with the various Legislatures of this country. Once we had the occasion of obtaining the figures from different Legislatures through the Secretary of this House. I suppose we found that we came third so far as the replies are concerned. But I can assure this House that we shall continue our endeavour to improve further.

***Shri DEV KANT BOROOAH (Minister, Education):** Sir, the hon. Member from Barchalla pointed out the number of questions remaining unanswered so far as the Education Department is concerned. Sir, I only want to add a little to what the Leader of the House had said just now. Sir, so far as the Education Department is concerned, there are

questions relating to aided institutions situated in far flung rural areas. These are not exactly Government institutions, but they only get aid from the Government and as such, they are not amenable to some kind of control as in the case of Government institutions. So, there is no wonder why there is some delay in getting reply from these aided schools both Secondary, Higher Secondary and M. E. Schools, whose number, as the hon Member is aware, is very great.

Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH (Amguri): Sir, we could not hear the replies to many of the starred questions. Will the unreplied starred questions form part of the proceedings?

Mr. SPEAKER: Yes, under rule 47, they will form part of the proceedings.

Regarding the questions and answers position, I quite agree with the hon. Chief Minister that this time, the situation has greatly improved. So far as the Education Department is concerned, the hon. Minister, Education, has explained the position. He has to collect the reply from aided schools which are far flung from the headquarters and spread all over the State. Therefore the difficulty has been there in collecting the replies. I cannot understand the difficulties of the Transport Department. Transport Department, I think, if they wish, can improve the position. So far as the replies to starred and unstarred questions which did not come up for supplementaries, they will form part of the proceedings.

Shri SARAT CHANDRA GOSWAMI (Kamalgur): Sir, so far as rule 47 is concerned, it provides that the replies to the starred questions which remain unanswered on the last day of the session, will be circulated to the members, but sometimes I find that they are not sent. So, I would request that such replies should be circulated to all the hon. members.

Mr. SPEAKER: So, the question is that any starred questions remaining unanswered, replies shall be circulated to the Members and such replies shall form part of the proceedings of the last day.

Complained by Shri Madhusudhan Das, M.L.A. about small number of Vernacular Reporters

Shri MADHUSUDHAN DAS (Barpeta): মাননীয় অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, মই এটা কথা কৈ সদনত দুটি আকৰ্ষণ কৰিব খুজিছো যে, অসমীয়া ৰাজ্য ভাষা বিলা পাচ হৈ যোৱাৰ পিচৰে পৰা এই সদনৰ মাননীয় সদস্য সকলে অসমীয়াতে তেখেত সকলৰ বক্তৃতা দিবলৈ প্ৰয়াস কৰাৰ ফলত, অসমীয়াত দিয়া বক্তৃতা আৰু আলোচনাৰ মাত্ৰা বাঢ়ি আহিছে।

এই আলোচনা বিলাক ইয়াত যেনেকৈ হয়, আৰু বক্তৃতা বিলাক যেনেকৈ দিয়া হয়, ঠিক তেনেদৰে, লোৱাত নহয় নেকি? যাৰ ফলত, সেই বক্তৃতা বিলাক আশানুৰূপ ভাবে বিপৰীত সকলে লিখিব পৰা নাই। মই অনুসন্ধান কৰি জানিব পাৰিছো যে অসমীয়া আলোচনা আজিকালী বৃদ্ধি হোৱা স্বত্বেও অসমীয়া বিপৰীতৰ সংখ্যা কম হৈয়ে আছে। আনহাতে ইংৰাজীৰ আলোচনা ক্ৰমানয়ে কমি অহা স্বত্বেও, এচেংলীৰ নিজৰ পাচজন

ইংৰাজী বিপৰ্টিংৰ উপৰিও প্ৰত্যেক নৈটকত কনকৈ ৪/৫ জন (পাঁচ) জন বিপৰ্টিং চিভিন চেফ্ৰেটীয়েটৰ পৰা reruisation কৰি আনি গবৰ্ণ মণ্ট ১ (নজন) ন আসন পূৰণ কৰে। অসমীয়া আলোচনা আৰু বক্তৃতা বৃদ্ধি হোৱা সন্দেহ নাই। চাৰিজন অসমীয়া বিপৰ্টিংই কানকৰি আছে। মোৰ ধোমধো এডালোকৰ গবৰ্ণ। কন হোৱাটো আৰু অধিক নত্ৰা কানৰ বোজা পৰাটো, অসমীয়া বিপৰ্টিং সকলৰ যে আশানুকূপ ভাবে কান, বিলাক গবৰ্ণা কৰায় বাধ্য কৰিছে, আৰু মোৰ হয় তেওঁলোকৰ প্ৰশিক্ষণৰ বিশেষ কোনো ব্যৱস্থা কৰা হোৱা নাই।

তাৰপিচত, আনি আছিলেই, ইয়াত বিপৰ্টিং বিলাক বহা বিভ্ৰান্তিঃ চেফ্ৰেটীয়েটৰ দেখিছিলো আৰু সেই বৰণৰ চাকিত বহি, বিপৰ্টিং কৰাত অসুবিধা আছিল কানৰ। তেতিয়া হলে, বক্তৃতাৰ পিচকৰি, নিৰ্ণয় নানাধো আৰু বক্তা সকলক অনুৰূপ বাৰি নিৰ্ণয় পাৰিলে কিয়নো তেওঁলোকৰ লিখাত বহু সময়ত অসুবিধা হয়। পিচকৰিৰ পৰা বক্তৃতা নেকৰ্ত্ত কৰাটো বহুত পন্থাত অসুবিধা জনক বুলি ধোমধো। সেই কাৰণে, নহি, এই কেইটা অসুবিধাৰ মাজে অহা অপৰিৱৰ্ত্তনত দূৰ হয় তাৰ কাৰণে, আপোনাৰ দৃষ্টি আকৰ্ষণ কৰিলো।

Mr. SPEAKER: Will the Chief Minister kindly enlighten the House regarding the increase of the Assamese Reporters?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister): Sir, the Assembly Secretariat will have to make an assessment, I suppose. There is difficulty in getting Stenographers.

Mr. SPEAKER: At the present moment, we have got 5 English Reporters, 4 Assamese Reporters and 1 Hindi Reporter. The number is rather not adequate. It is true that with the implementation of the Assam Official Language Act the number of Speakers in Assamese has increased. Our Assembly Secretariat has been taking up the matter with the Government and Government also, as far as I could gather from the Finance Minister is making a plan for better training of Assamese Reporters more particularly. I think, if that scheme comes into force there will be improvement in the Assamese reporting. At the present moment, it must be admitted that the quality of Assamese reporting is not as we expect it. We are also trying for tape-recording. There is a scheme for tape-recording the speeches of the hon. Members. That is a costly scheme of course, but our Finance Minister on discussion had shown sympathy so that tape-recording system can be introduced in the House.

With regard to revolving chairs with the introduction of the new acoustic in the House replacing the system which was a different one, the hon. Members may have noticed that there are loud speaker sets of this acoustic system placed in the Reporters' table and the Reporters can hear the speeches from these clearly. These loud speakers cannot be removed and it is not possible to put one loud speaker in each Reporter's revolving chair, therefore the new system of Reporters' table cannot be changed. I think, it is working properly and there is no difficulty in reporting. It is our earnest desire that the reporting work of the House is improved.

Complaint about acoustic system and light system in the Assembly Chamber.

MUHAMMAD UMARUDDIN (Dhubri): Is it a fact, Sir, that some of our speeches are not heard properly in the Opposition benches, if

so there must be some defect in the present acoustic system somewhere. May I request the hon. Speaker to have the system checked up ?

Mr. SPEAKER : It was so in the last Session of the Assembly but in this Session they are working properly, but as it is a new innovation there may be defects some time.

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister, Medical) : May I bring to your kind notice of the fact that when it rains or the sky remains cloudy we feel difficulty in reading our papers as the lights appear then to be insufficient. This is not only my experience but the same difficulty is experienced by many hon. Members of the House. Will you kindly see to it that the lighting system is improved ?

Mr. SPEAKER : I hope, the Hon'ble Minister-in-charge of Electricity will give us more electricity to get better light in the House.

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Industry) : I think, there should be installation of more light points in the House.

Mr. SPEAKER : I think, your lines are overloaded.

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI : Not at this time but in the evening.

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE : More light points are necessary in the House, at the same time more voltage is also necessary.

Mr. SPEAKER : I hope, the Minister-in-charge of Electricity will help us in this matter so that we get better light in the House.

Shri SANTI RANJAN DASGUPTA (Lumding) : Sir, we are also similar experiencing difficulty when we speak Bengali and the reports are not properly done.

Calling Attention under Assembly Rule 54 Re: draught condition in certain parts of Nowgong District.

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI : Mr. Dasgupta's voice is hoarse and I think, he should improve it if necessary by taking medical aid.

Shri LAKSHMI PRASAD GOSWAMI (Laharighat) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to draw the attention of the House to a serious matter arising out of the drought condition in some areas in the district of Nowgong, which are known as the granary of the State of Assam. These areas comprised of Kampur, Gorubat, Jorabari, Kathiatoli, Jamunamukh, Hojai, Lanka, Lumding, Jugijan, Kaki, Nomati and Kapashbari mauzas.

Sir, as the list of business to-day the last day of this Session, appears to be very heavy and our hon. Members are anxious to see that all the business in this list are taken up to-day, I am refraining from making a long speech instead, I shall simply read out a newsitem from the *Assam Tribune*, dated July 30, 1962. In this news, the gravity of the situation has been sufficiently explained and I am sure, when the hon. Members will hear the contents of the news they will realise that when there is flood havoc in

some parts of the State there is serious draught condition prevailing in other areas and these two conditions combining together has created a deadlock in Assam's economic condition.

The news is this :—

“Kampur, July 29.

“The entire area of the south and south-eastern part of the Nowgong district covering nearly 1,200 square miles and comprising Kampur, Gorubhat, Jorabari, Kathiatoli, Jamunamukh, Hojai, Lanka, Lunding, Jugijan, Kaki, Nomati and Kapashbari mauzas, has been under the grip of continuous and unprecedented draught.

“Popularly known as the “granary of Assam” this area is inhabited by about 3 lakh cultivators who are directly or indirectly dependent on agriculture. Nearly 20 lakh maunds of rice on an average are exported from this area besides a huge quantity of jute and oilseeds.

“Such a strange phenomenon of unusually long draught, particularly during the wet months, is hardly traceable in the living memory. Draught in its wake, has generated unusual sweltering heat the like of which was not experienced here ever before. The Sali seedlings have dried up in the fields. Cultivators have been seen gazing always at the sky as there is practically no more time for Sali cultivation. Vast tracts of paddy fields look like football grounds.

“Till now not even two inches of rain has fallen resulting in heavy failure of jute, Ahu and Sali crops. The farmers are now running panicky apprehending a great famine next year ; and they are unable to effect the transplantation works for want of water though in some parts the seedlings are ready. At Lanka, it is reliably learnt, even dearth of drinking water has been reported. The supply of drinking water is becoming a grave concern for the residents of Lanka areas. Authority responsible for the supply of drinking water has many a time in the past, assured the suffering people of better and larger schemes in the offing. But though months have drifted away, nothing has practically been done for the improvement of the supply position by the Lanka water supply authority.

The rice mills an important industry in the district and the recently started Co-operative Marketing Societies upon which thousands of people depend for their livelihood, are facing a great crisis and they may have to close their doors for want of paddy. In the other parts of the district too the picture is not so rosy as these areas too are heavily affected by the continued draught. Moreover, the recent flood has completely destroyed the jute. Ahu and Bao cultivation in these areas.

Sali prospects Bleak

“Report received from all corners of the district state that the prospect of the Sali paddy crops have become bleak due to this persistent draught prevailing over the whole district. Shortage of rainfall has rendered transplanation of paddy plants quite impossible everywhere. In the fertile paddy-growing plains belt of the district an extensive area is still lying fallow. Standing jute crops are reported to be withering away in the fields in many parts of the district. Similar reports are also pouring here from the parts adjacent to the Mikir Hills district.

“Scarcity of food stuff has been reported from parts of the Nowgong district. And meanwhile the farmers, driven from pillar to post, are now selling their poultry in the markets to meet their daily needs. And if the

situation remains unchanged, the next phase of selling their household utensils will come soon.

“Moreover, the prices of all the essential commodities have gone up.....”.

Sir, this is the condition in brief prevailing in the granary of Assam. Unless some measures are taken up immediately and water supply is assured to the cultivators, this area will not have any crop this year. Sir, we often heard about the Jamuna Irrigation Project, but we are afraid that the Jamuna Irrigation Project will not be able to cover the entire area. This is a matter of grave concern because draught condition is prevailing there not only this year but it is continuing there for the last three years. Draught started in that area in 1959 and it is continuing till to-day and we have been facing this problem every year. Sir, this problem has been discussed on the floor of this House on previous occasions also and the matter was brought before this House on various occasions. So, Sir, Jamuna Project will take a long time but in the meantime something must be done immediately. The people there have already become demoralised. Dole distribution and test relief work cannot be permanent measures for giving relief to the people and to improve their lot, rather it kills the morale of the people. Giving of doles, undertaking test relief work and starting cheap-grain shops are all most temporary measures and I am one of those who feel that these things should be discouraged wherever they exist. So, Sir, pending completion of the Jamuna Irrigation Project, Government must come forward with deep tubewell scheme. I learnt from the Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture that there is a scheme for giving power pump to the cultivators with Government subsidy. But the economic condition of the ordinary cultivators is so poor that I am afraid, most of the cultivators will not be able to take advantage of this system.

Mr. SPEAKER : In the case of deep tube-well also the cultivators will have to pay for it.

Shri LAKSHMI PRASAD GOSWAMI (Laharighat) : I am coming to that, Sir. I submit that in case of deep tube-well Government should come forward with a scheme so that the burden of cost does not fall on the cultivators. Sir, I appeal to the Government to make a special provision for this area. The hon. Members of this House know that this is one of the most famous paddy producing areas in Assam and the largest number of paddy husking mills are situated at Hojai which is the central place of this area. Besides making special arrangement for the supply of water for cultivation Government, shall have to make some arrangement for drinking water also. Sir, the power pump cannot solve the problem because there is no sufficient number of rivers in the midst of the paddy fields. So, unless Government takes up deep tube-well scheme the condition of this area cannot be improved. It should be a matter of immediate concern for the Government, and Government should not allow this condition to continue any further because already the people of that area specially and the people of Assam in general have suffered greatly for the draught condition prevailing in that area for the last three years. Sir, I am rather surprised to hear that Government has taken up seed distribution scheme or a scheme to grant seed loan in that area. The seed loan will serve no purpose unless sufficient

water is available to germinate the seed. Therefore, I would request the Government to take up some irrigation projects immediately so that the condition there may be improved and the people might get relief. This is all, Sir.

Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister, Revenue): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I am grateful to the hon. Member for bringing this question before this House and thereby giving an opportunity to the Government to explain the steps taken by the Government, so far. Last year due to constant draught prevailing there from the month of May, 1961 there was a great set-back in the transplantation of Sali crop in many important paddy growing areas of Nowgong district viz: Hojai, Doboka, Jamunamukh, Kampur and Lanka. The cultivators of the affected area requested the D. C., Nowgong and the Government to provide them with power pumps to obtain supply of water in the draught area from some natural sources of water. Accordingly the Agriculture Department issued two power pumps on hire-purchase basis to the co-operative growers. Fair-price shops were also opened in the scarcity hit areas. On 14th September, 1961 the Joint Director of Agriculture, the Regional Agricultural Engineer and the District Agricultural Officer and the D. C. Nowgong visited the affected area. At the time there was rain-fall and they found almost all the areas under Sali crop and according to their opinion the position could not be so serious as it appeared before the rain-fall. In 1962 also draught condition has been prevailing in Nowgong district since last February, as a result of which many houses and granaries were gutted by fire and the crops were badly damaged. For the relief of the people affected by fire due to severe draught in Nowgong, Government sanctioned a sum of Rs.5,600 as gratuitous relief. In the month of May, 1962 the D. C., Nowgong reported that draught condition has been prevailing in Jugijan, Garubal, Kampur Mauzas and in some parts of Lanka and Hojai mauzas where people are reported to be in distress. The D. C., Nowgong has submitted a proposal for test relief works at an estimated cost of Rs.1,54,850 to be taken up for the relief of the draught affected families. The schemes submitted were of unproductive nature as all of them were for construction and repair of roads including some P. W. D. roads. So, the D. C. was requested to submit a scheme of productive nature for consideration of the Government. Sir, the Government have received a report from the D. C., Nowgong recently and Government have sanctioned Rs.1,21,840 for test relief works, Rs.10,000 for gratuitous relief, and Rs.5,000 for seed loan for draught affected areas.

There are 12 small irrigation projects schemes in Kathiatoli Anchalik Panchayat which will cost 27,100 and there are 9 small schemes of irrigation in Lanka Anchalik Panchayat which will cost 56,090 and there are also 24 irrigation project schemes in Jugijan Anchalik Panchayat which will cost 38,650. So for 45 small irrigation scheme in the affected areas the Government have already sanctioned Rs.1,21,840 and for the gratuitous relief the Government sanctioned Rs.10,000 and for seed loan the Government sanctioned Rs.5,000 as seed loans.

This morning the Director of Agriculture contacted the Deputy Commissioner and it is reported that there is heavy rain during the last few days in the draught affected areas and the people are happy and they are doing cultivation. Regarding Power Pump I am informed by the Director, Agriculture this morning that scheme of supplying power pump has been

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revised on the subsidy basis. The Government will bear 50 per cent of the cost of power pump and the rest 50 per cent will be realised from the agriculturists in four equal instalments.

Regarding sinking deep of tube-wells in the affected areas as pointed out by the hon. member, I may tell him that this matter will be examined by the Government. I cannot give assurance at present.

So, Sir, Government have already done whatever possible to give relief to the draught affected people of the areas in Nowgong referred to in the calling attention motion by the Government.

Shri MOHANANDA BORA (Bihpuria): Sir, one-half an hour discussion was allowed on 10th and 11th; but for want of time, it was not held. I therefore, request to allow this half an hour discussion today.

Chief Minister requested the Chair to sit longer

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister): Sir, may I submit that we try to finish the business as much as possible and if necessary by sitting longer.

Mr. SPEAKER: I think we shall have to sit longer today. I think there is no objection?

(Voice: no objection)

Announcement by the Speaker the name of elected Members to Assam Town and Country Planning Advisory Council

I have to announce the result of the election to the Assam Town and Country Planning Advisory Council.

The number of candidates being equal to the number of seats vacant, the following are declared elected unopposed:—

1. Shri Devendra Nath Sarma, M.L.A.
2. Shrimati Lily Sen Gupta, M.L.A.
3. Shri Tajuddin Ahmed, M.L.A.

Laying out copies of ordinances

Shri MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Agriculture, etc.): Sir, I beg to lay out copies of Appropriation Account, 1960-61; (ii) The Audit Report, 1962; and (iii) The Finance Accounts, 1960-61.

Shri MUHAMMAD UMARUDDIN (Dhubri): Sir, I beg to present the Eight Report of the Estimates Committee on the Department of Revenue.

Shri DEV KANT BOROOAH (Minister, Education): Sir, I beg to lay out copy of the Annual Report and Accounts (1958-59, 1959-60 and 1960-61) of the Assam Warehousing Corporation under Section 49(9) of the Agricultural Produce (Development and Warehousing) Corporation Act, 1956.

The Assam Elementary Education Bill, 1962

Mr. SPEAKER : There is a message from the Governor.

Raj Bhavan, Shillong.
The 15th June, 1962.

I recommend under Article 207(3) of the Constitution of India that the Assam Elementary Education Bill, 1962 be taken into consideration by the Assam Legislative Assembly.

S. M. SRINAGESH,
Governor of Assam.

***Shri DEV KANT BOROOAH (Minister, Education):** Sir, I beg to move that the Assam Elementary Education Bill, 1962 as reported by the Select Committee be taken into consideration.

Sir, the hon. Members are acquainted with the Bill as it was originally placed before this House as well as the amendment and improvement made by the Select Committee on this Bill. Sir, the genesis of the bill is known to the hon. Members of this House. The Select Committee under the able Chairmanship of Sri A. K. Das sat for 8 days and suggested certain changes which I submit as improvement. This Bill was also Sir, processed by the Union Ministry of Education and they thought that it was a piece of legislation which was fine and progressive and would go a long way in implementing National Policy in regard to the elementary education in our State.

Sir, the fundamental objective of this bill has arisen due to the Directive Policy of the Constitution which says that "The State shall endeavour to provide, within a period of ten years from the commencement of this Constitution, for free and compulsory education for all children until they complete the age of fourteen years." Sir, if the people do not know this directive policy, they will not know the very good of this policy, and they are not likely to endeavour for it. Sir, the very basis of our national life-democratic life as well as progress is to spread education as fast as we can. From that point of view, the primary education of Assam has made remarkable advance during the last 12 years.

Sir, the number of schools has gone up from 7,700 to more than 13,000 and the number of school going children has increased from 4.5 lakhs to little above 11 lakhs and odds. From the point of view of expansion, this expansion is no doubt remarkable, but for many reasons one of them being perhaps the wanting of proper appropriation and needs of quality control of primary education, our standard of education has not kept pace with our expansion. On the other hand, there has been precipitous decline in our standard of primary education.

The reason, Sir, is not very difficult to find out. The total number of teachers in this State are 26,400. Out of that only 9,400 are trained. The rest, i.e., 17,000 are untrained. That is to say, they are untrained in the method of teaching but more than that, Sir, I have reason to believe that and it is also the experience of the hon. Members of this House that the

teachers are also not trained in the contents of the subjects they teach. Therefore, Sir, this responsibility is two-fold. First we have to spread education as far as possible in order that we may apply the directive principles of our Constitution and on the other hand, Sir, we have to ensure that there is not only arrest of falling of standard but there is a rise in the standard of education in the primary level in order that our boys in the higher levels of education may qualify themselves for fitting into more difficult and complicated subjects like technology and science. Sir, the phenomenon which we have observed in this State in general with spread of education is that there is a decline in the standard of education somewhat unusually. The idea that the expansion has to be always followed by lowering of standard is erroneous because all other countries of the world where education is spread most faster than it has been in our country there has not been a gradual fall in the standard of education. Sir, in this House I have referred to the rise in the standard of education in the Universities of Europe and America. With the spread of education boys from poorer homes came to Universities and the standard of education in those countries has risen. Actually half a century ago or so education was the monopoly of the landed aristocracy. 15 per cent of the boys were scholarship-holders. The scholarship boys who come from poorer homes bring into their work more incentive and greater degree of seriousness of purpose. Sir, what is true in Europe, Japan and other countries where education has spread faster than in this country, should have happened in this country along with spread of education but it has not happened so. Unfortunately, Sir, due to circumstances over which we have no control and also due to lack of care in selecting the right type of teachers and also perhaps due to change in values, that is to say, with the spread of monetary value, in this country and in this State in particular, education no longer holds the pride of place in our national as well as in social life. These are the reasons perhaps that brought about the decline in education. Sir, the main purpose of the directive principle of education is that every child has the right to equal opportunity of education. But unless we, Sir, improve the standard of education which has declined mostly in the rural areas, this cannot be achieved. Today a boy living in an advanced town like Shillong, Gauhati or Jorhat has the opportunity of going to a better school which a boy living in a village has not. The boy has a right to go to a school but the school to which he is compelled to go has not the same standard as in the urban areas or in a city like Shillong. Therefore that opportunity is not equal. This opportunity is national rather than real. That is the reason why this Bill provides for two approaches, one is that this Bill wants to interest the people in primary education. We have provided for some measure of participation, particularly in the construction, management of schools so far as the representatives of the people are concerned at the level in which the schools are situated, namely the Gaon Panchayats. Another thing that we have provided is that there is stricter measure of control in the matter of training and education of teachers. As you are aware, Sir, as I have just mentioned we have about 17,000 untrained teachers today whereas the provision for training is hardly for about 2,200 per year. That is to say to provide training for all these years it will take about 10 years and if you take into account the number of teachers which will have to be appointed during the course of the next three or four years, I am afraid, Sir, it will be about 10 to 15 years before we can take up adequately the training in the method not to speak of training in the contents. Therefore, we have not only to provide for some kind of extended scheme but for some kind of intensive scheme of training for these teachers.

Sir, this Bill has one desideratum and I must plead guilty before this House that due to circumstances of financial handicap we could not do much about it. That is to say, as the hon. Members are aware, in this State we have two types of schools. Certain schools are Government owned both at the primary and Middle Vernacular levels. Teachers of those schools are entitled to security of service as well as pensions. Whereas large number of schools which are financed by Government 100 per cent of teachers do not get same benefit because of lack of financial resources as well as lack of time to study the financial implications we could not put them on an equal footing. That, Sir, is somewhat discriminatory and does not conform to the principle of equality which has been accepted so far as this condition of service is concerned. Even so, Sir, we will try to do what we can for not only enhancing the emoluments but also see how equality in the status of these teachers can be ensured. No country can advance in education unless it respects its educator. As I have said earlier due to expansion of monetary economy in our national and social life, there has been a decline in the values. Respect for learning has declined, Sir, it would be my endeavour with cooperation of all hon. Members to see that we raise not only the economic condition of the teachers but also the social status.

Sir, its indication is that things should be improved to that indication, as to the fact that the highest position that people of India can offer to any person has been offered to a teacher, namely, Dr. Radha Krishnan, the President of India and it is in recognition of this new approach towards the dignity of teachers, Government has decided to celebrate the President's Birth Day as National Teachers' Day on the 5th September, 1962, I hope, we will get support and co-operation not only from the Honourable Members, but from the people of the entire country. Sir, if I am permitted to bring a personal note in this connection, I like to say that I am the son of a poor school teacher. So, the status and condition of teachers is nearest to my heart and it will be my endeavour to see that our educators may have the rightful place in society.

Another aspect of the Bill, Sir, is that in conformity with the National Policy of the Sixth Schedule of the Indian Constitution that the primary education should be entrusted to the District Council, we have provided the full authority to the District Council in the matter of construction and management of the Primary Schools in their areas. We have also given them full authority to select any language they like to adopt in their schools. Sir, I can appreciate the love of their own language and culture of our tribal friends which are guaranteed by the Constitution. It is in obedience to the Constitutional right for the Sixth Schedule that we have to ensure that there will be no interference with the autonomy of the District Council so far as the primary education is concerned. Nevertheless Sir, the primary education is the responsibility of the Government and the resources of the District Council may not be adequate to meet the requirement of the Primary Education in terms of the policy of the Constitution. Therefore, we have kept the door open in order to give them whatever help or expert advice which will be needed by our tribal friends from time to time. So, Sir, it is my hope that this new Bill, if it is enacted, by the House, there will be closer co-operation between the State Government and the District Council and the road will be smoother and easier to achieve our

goal. I have no doubt in my mind that with the close co-operation with the District Council and as well as with the people of Assam, better educational atmosphere will be created, not only in the plains districts but also in the Hill Districts, as far as possible, without undermining the standard of education. Then, Sir, as you know, in Assam we have other problems which might crop up from time to time. So, Sir, the State Board as constituted represents different shades of opinion and also different interests where all will have equal interests to the principles of Education in the State. Sir, in the First Bill that was placed before the House, there was a shortcoming, that is to say, that the advices the representation of the School teachers in the State Board. That was an oversight for which I can only apologise to this House. The Select Committee in its wisdom decided that the teachers who are primarily concerned with the responsibility which will be discharged by the Board should also be represented and we have also accepted that Principle of the Select Committee. Sir, there is again, a question, we thought that we should have increased the number of representatives to the Honourable Members of this House, because they are the representatives of our people and they should all be vitally concerned with the education of our people. Therefore, we should be as closely associated as possible with the implementation of the National Education. One thing, Sir, the Honourable Members will notice that the Bill as amended by the Select Committee provides for the appointment of an Advisory Committee on the Sub-Divisional or on what is known as the formal School Board level, with three advisers on the appointment of teachers of that area on the basis of the list prepared in accordance with the directive of the State Board. But, I hope, Sir, that the appointment of teachers is a very serious matter and the matter needs very careful consideration, because the selection of the teachers depends on the quality of teaching only. To ensure that proper type of personnel duly qualified should be appointed as teachers, it will be my endeavour that teachers will be appointed in future on the merit and merit alone. Because, many other methods of recruitment except merit will lower the standard of education at the primary level which will be pursued with the pupil throughout their career. A boy who does not learn arithmetic at the primary school level will never learn it if he goes for the higher studies and he will not be able to take up science subjects.

Another aspect of the Bill, Sir, is with regard to the language. Sir, we have decided to make Assamese as Official Language of the State and Assamese, I hope, in due course, will take the pride of place as one of the 14 National Languages of India in equal footing in spite of its numerical smallness. Sir, the status or the quality of a literature does not depend so much on number as much as on quality. Iceland has a population, Sir, of 1 lakh 50 thousand and Mr. _____ of Iceland got the Noble Prize a few years back. Norway has a population of 30 lakhs and if I am not mistaken, I can mention five names from Norway who got the Noble Prize. In Sweden, there is the population of 40 lakhs and there are about half a dozen of Swedish people who got Noble Prizes for literature and in Finland, the population is 35 lakhs out of which 25 lakhs speak Finnish language. I can just recollect the name of Mr. _____, a Finishian who got the Noble Prize in literature. So, the quality and standard of literature do not depend upon the numerical strength. So Sir, from that point it is necessary that we have to concentrate on the improvement of teaching of our language, Assamese and also other allied languages, as well as mathematics. Sir, the basis of primary education which was

established long long ago during the early stage of world's history, that the three Rs.—reading, writing and arithmetics—has not been improved. So, unless we can affect real improvement in these three Rs.—we cannot expect any improvement in technological and scientific education. If we really want to create great literature in Assam as also good scientists and expert technologists, the primary education must teach both language and arithmetics perfectly and I am afraid, Sir, that is more than we can claim. The teaching of arithmetics is so poor at the primary level that it dogs them throughout their career. Sir, that is one reason that our boys have not been able to fair well in their future lives. Sir, about the language, the least said the better it is. The number of applications written in the vernacular language run into a legion like the number of devils mentioned in the Bible. I contend that these innumerable mistakes can be rectified only in the primary level. Sir, the twin objective in spreading of primary education as far as we can as well as to arrest the gradual deterioration of the standard, as also to raising it, that this Bill has been brought before the House.

Hon. Members have tabled certain amendments which will be considered in due course. But they would be discussed later ; but I thought it proper to mention here that many of those amendments do not relate to the basic principle of the Bill but minor adjustment here and there. We will discuss them when we come up to individual amendments.

Another things Sir, in these days we have to have education in what is known as cosmopolitan methods. Because in this State, there are linguistic minorities, there are, if I may say so, ethnic minorities. All their interests have got to be respected. It is the day of democracy, Democracy does not mean only majority rules, but it also means the rule based on the confidence of the minorities. That is the real test of democracy. Sir, therefore, it behoves us to respect and protect the interests of all linguistic and ethnic minorities as well as to see that it is made possible for the Assamese language to progress as early as possible in order that it takes its rightful place in the matter of highest education in the land. Sir, these are the points on the objective of the Bill and I commend this Bill to the hon. Members for their kind acceptance.

Shri SANTI RANJAN DAS GUPTA (Lumding) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, on a point of order. Regarding the validity of the Bill under the Constitution of India and other relevant Clauses thereto I like to say that the provisions of this Bill are in contravention to Art. 30(1), 30(2), 45, 350(a) and also of Art. 29 of the Constitution. While entering into the merits of this Bill, I appeal to the hon. Members to give me a patient hearing. I however assure the hon. Members that I shall try my best to restrict my speech as far as possible. Sir, I shall place before the hon. Members of this House the judgement of our own High Court and also the Judgement of the Supreme Court of India in an identical Bill and therefore, I may be using certain words on linguistic minority, linguistic majority, religious minority and so and so which are all constitutional terms.

MR. SPEAKER : Mr. Das Gupta, you come to the point of order.

Shri SANTIRANJAN DAS GUPTA : I am coming, Sir. I want to draw the attention of the hon. Members to the title of the Bill. The title speaks like this: This is a Bill.

"to make provision for the management and control of elementary education and to provide for free and compulsory elementary education in Assam". The Preamble says:

"Whereas it is expedient to make better Provision for the development, expansion, management and control of elementary education".

Then Sir, Art. 45 of the Constitution of India on the Directive Principles of State Policy it has been stated like this:

"The State shall endeavour to provide, within a period of ten years from the commencement of this Constitution, for free and compulsory education for all children until they complete the age of fourteen years".

Sir, you add two words, *i. e.*, management and control. If these words are there as they are, this means either you contravene that particular Articles or you support that Article. Art. 45 does not envisage that the State should take up management or control of the school. I shall approve it from the judgement delivered by the hon. Supreme Court.

Mr. SPEAKER: What is your contention. How does the management and control contravene Art. 45 of the Constitution?

Shri SANTI RANJAN DAS GUPTA (Lumding): Sir, I shall read out from the Supreme Court judgment.

Mr. SPEAKER: You were saying that the words 'control and management' appearing in the Bill contravene Art. 45 of the Constitution. You should speak on the point of order.

Shri SANTI RANJAN DAS GUPTA (Lumding): It contravances Art. 45 when you add the words 'control and management' in the Bill. Either you hit off or you will be supporting that particular Article. Complete the age of 14 years. If you want to import or add any new words either you hit, offend or lose support of that particular Article. Article 30 (1) Confers two right to the linguistic minorities. (1) to establish (2) to administer Educational Institutions of their choice.

Mr. SPEAKER: All minorities whether based on religion or language? which is that Article?

Shri SANTI RANJAN DAS GUPTA: Sir, Article 30 (1).

Mr. SPEAKER: Article 30(1) says that—all minorities, whether based on religion or language, shall have the right to establish and administer educational institutions of their choice.

Shri SANTI RANJAN DAS GUPTA: Sir, this Bill takes away the rights of the linguistic minorities.

(Voices—how, how)

Mr. SPEAKER: Order, order.

Shri SANTI RANJAN DAS GUPTA : Sir, let me recite it here.

Mr. SPEAKER : Has the Bill prevented any linguistic minorities from having their own educational institutions of their own choice.

Shri SANTI RANJAN DAS GUPTA : Definitely so Sir.

Mr. SPEAKER : You must point out the relevant clause of the Bill, which Clause has been in contravention to the rights given by Article 30(1) to the linguistic minority.

Shri SANTI RANJAN DAS GUPTA : Sir, Section 11(3) III of the Bill and 15(A) of the Bill, these are the allied sections.

Mr. SPEAKER : Please read out.

Shri SANTI RANJAN DAS GUPTA : Sir, it takes away our right of appointment of teachers. As for Article 14(3) III the point is that this Bill has been for the management and control of schools started by the School Boards or started by the State Boards.

Mr. SPEAKER : If there is no clause which has taken away the right from any private individual or a Society to start a school of his own choice or appoint teachers of his own choice, then no such point of order will be held.

Shri SANTI RANJAN DAS GUPTA (Lumding) : Sir, under sections 22 to 24 all powers of management and establishment has been given to the Local Authority namely, the Gaon Panchayat in the areas and to the Town Committees and Municipalities.

(Voice—what, what).

Mr. SPEAKER : You should read out the relevant Clause from the Bill. You have got the Bill with you, I believe. The Clause 14(3) says that the Assistant Secretary shall exercise powers and perform duties as follows in his own jurisdiction,—

- (ii) to appoint his office staff and manage his office properly ;
- (iii) to appoint teachers in recognised schools on the advice of a Committee constituted by the State Board under section 15A and transfer them as necessary and also grant such leave, other than casual leave, to them as may be admissible ;

Which of these provisions contravene to the Constitution ?

Shri SANTI RANJAN DAS GUPTA (Lumding) : Sir, from 14(3) (iii) (iv), (v) (iv), (vii) and (viii) we know—the State Board is exclusively in charges for appointment of teachers.

Mr. SPEAKER : Where is this Clause ? Please read.

Shri SANTI RANJAN DASGUPTA (Lumding) : For the purpose of appointing teachers under Section 14(3) (iii) and salaried attendance. Attendance Authorities under Section 46 consisting of 3-members in each Deputy Inspector's circle of the State.

Now if we consider Section 24, the power given to the Local Authority under Section 22,—As soon as this Act comes into force, the management of elementary schools shall, subject to such condition as may be prescribed, rest in the local authority, town Committee and Municipality and Gaon Panchayat of the area concerned.

Without prejudice to any of the provisions of this Act, in general, and of section 11 in particular a Local Authority in which the management of Elementary Education has vested shall have the following duties and functions to perform and carry out:—(establishment and management), namely, the expansions, construction, improvement and maintenance of school buildings; supply of necessary equipments to elementary schools; arranging of play grounds, mid-day meals, drinking water and medical inspection of students; granting of funds to elementary schools for their contingent expenditure; preparation and maintenance of a register of children of the area in the form prescribed; decision, when necessary as to who is the guardian of a child or the head of a family; arrangement for stocking and marketing and disposal of the products of school crafts; arrangement for periodic exhibition of such products in the region; supervision of attendance.

Then Sir, according to Section 27(1)—“As soon as the management of Elementary Education is vested in a District Council or a Local authority, the State Government shall constitute a Fund for the purpose of elementary education and shall place such amounts out of the said fund as may be necessary at the disposal of the District Council, local authority.....

Shri DEV KANT BOROOAH ((Minister, Education) : Sir, I am sorry to interpret how it is relevant that this Bill excludes Mr. Dasgupta from establishing a school?

Shri SANTI RANJAN DAS GUPTA (Lumding) : Sir, I shall show it from the judgment of the High Court.

Mr. SPEAKER : Mr. Dasgupta. the relevant Article in the Constitution is 30(1) which says—“All minorities, whether based on religion or language, shall have the right to establish and administer educational institutions of their choice.” now you are to point out how that right has been taken away by this Bill.

Shri SANTI RANJAN DAS GUPTA : Sir, I am referring to this Clause.

Mr. SPEAKER : We want you to particularly explain how this Clause has taken away the rights from the minorities whether linguistic or religious right to have schools of their own choice or to appoint teachers of their own choice?

Shri BISWADEV SARMA (Balipara) : Sir, the Clause, the Hon. member read out is rather otherwise.

Mr. SPEAKER : What is the High Court Ruling ?

Shri SANTI RANJAN DAS GUPTA : Let me first cite the ruling of the High Court. This is a judgment delivered by the Assam High Court in a case filed by Shri Bansidhar Sarma of Haibargaon, Government Aided High School against Director of Public Instruction, and State.

Shri DEV KANT BOROOAH (Minister, Education) : Sir, is it about a primary School ? May I submit Sir,—we are dealing with the Select Committee report of the Assam Elementary Education Bill. Its scope is limited to primary education and Middle Vernacular, so what I want to say that we are concerned with this because certain rights, as you know Sir, are specifically provided for minorities for primary education which has been now accepted by the National Education Board. Certain rights in respect of primary education have been more fundamental than in respect of Secondary and Collegiate education.

Shri SANTI RANJAN DAS GUPTA (Lumding) : Sir, primary schools are also schools and aided schools are also schools and how can they make any difference ?

Now, the judgment was delivered by their Lordships, Chief Justice Mr. Gopalji Mehrotra and Mr. Justice S. K. Dutta. Their Lordships in their judgment said that the Assam Aided High School and Higher Secondary Schools Employees Rules had no force of Law. Agreeing with the order of Mr. Justice Dutta, the Chief Justice said :—

“It cannot be said that as the State being a welfare State is interested in the Educational Development of the States the management, and control of all educational institutions is an affair of the State and all employees in such Institutions hold posts in connection with the affairs of the State. It can also not be said that any institution carrying on the activities in respect of which the State can legislate necessarily becomes the affair of the State and the management of such institutions becomes the affair of the State so as to make all the posts in the said institutions or business concerns post in connection with the affairs of the State. The Management and control and appointment to the posts in these institutions cannot be regarded as the affair of the State merely because the State makes a grant to these institutions. In the matter of appointment and dismissal of the employees of the Educational Institutions the control vests in the Managing Committee. The affairs of the institutions are controlled by the Managing Committee, the properties of the institution vests in the managing committee. It cannot therefore be said that merely because the Government pays grants to these institutions all appointment to these posts in such institutions are the affairs of the Government”. Sir, here this Bill is entirely dealing with management, control, appointment and everything.

Mr. SPEAKER : But your observation centres round the fact that the rules have not the force of the law, but now we are going to enact law for the governance of the primary schools and also aided high schools for which

Government give grant. Government only give some grants to these institutions and because they give some grant, they cannot have full control over the management of these schools, but Government must have some right to impose some sort of restrictions of the appointment of teachers and in the management of these schools.

Shri SARAT CHANDRA GOSWAMI (Kamelpur): Sir, so far as the contention put forward by Mr. Das Gupta, he says that the rules were framed by the executive order of the Government. Now, when this Bill is enacted to a Law, it will have the force of law.

Shri SANTI RANJAN DAS GUPTA (Lumding): Sir, I am also going to explain the position from the Supreme Court judgement which you might have read. It says "The legislative powers conferred on the Legislature of the States by Article 245 and 246 are subject to the other provisions of the Constitution and certainly to the provisions of Part III which confers fundamental rights, which are therefore binding on the State Legislature. The Legislature cannot, it is clear, disregard or override those provisions merely by employing indirect methods of achieving exactly the same result. Even the Legislature cannot do indirectly what it certainly cannot do directly".

Again, Sir, the same judgement says—"The legislative powers conferred upon a State Legislative Assembly by Articles 245 and 246 is to be exercised under Article 245 subject to the provisions of the Constitution".

Mr SPEAKER: Mr. Das Gupta, I am undone. I am requesting you to limit your speech only to that particular provision of the Bill which goes in contravention of the Supreme Court ruling or against the Constitution. Mere quoting from the Supreme Court decisions or High Court decisions will not help matters.

Shri SANTI RANJAN DAS GUPTA:—Then, Sir, about appointment of teachers which comes under clause 15 A(1). In that, the Supreme Court gives this judgment—"clause 11 takes away obvious item of management.

Mr. SPEAKER: Mr. Das Gupta, there is some distinction between Kerala schools and Assam schools. Kerala schools were started by private authorities while Assam schools are started by Government itself. Therefore, there must be some distinction between Kerala law and Assam law.

Shri SANTI RANJAN DAS GUPTA (Lumding): Sir, I now come to section 39 which says "No fees shall be charged upto the prescribed standard from any pupil in any elementary school".

39(1) says No fee shall be levied in respect of any child for attending a recognised school which is under the management of the State Board or a local authority.

And it is stated under 39(2) "where in respect of any child an attendance order has been passed under sub-section (3) of section 46 and the only school which he can attend is a recognised school under private management, the local authority or the State Board shall take such steps as it may think fit for the purpose of ensuring that the education which the child is to receive is free.

So, Sir, there is no distinction in this Bill between private management and otherwise.

The question is rather why there is the word 'private management' in clause 39(2).

Mr. SPEAKER: You have quoted clause 39(1) and (2), but wherefrom you get imposition of certain restrictions on private management?

39(1) says—No fee shall be levied in respect of any child for attending a recognised school which is under the management of the State Board or a local authority. 39(2) lays down—Where in respect of any child an attendance order has been passed under sub-section (3) of section 16 and the only school which he can attend is a recognised school under private management, the local authority or the State Board shall take such steps as it may think fit for the purpose of ensuring that the education which the child is to receive is free.

Shri SANTI RANJAN DAS GUPTA (Luding): Sir, the private management under the guidance of the local authority should also be under the State Board.

Mr. SPEAKER: Here it is 'recognised schools under private management'.

Shri SANTI RANJAN DAS GUPTA: Why then this discrimination is here?

Mr. SPEAKER: What is the discrimination?

Shri SANTI RANJAN DAS GUPTA: In 39(1), it is 'recognised schools' and in (2), it is 'recognised school under private management'.

Mr. SPEAKER: 39(1) concerns schools under the management of the State Board or a local authority while under 39(2), it concerns schools recognised by the school authorities, but managed by private societies. That is the difference.

Shri SANTI RANJAN DAS GUPTA: Because in this Bill, there is nothing like that, there is no distinction between private school or aided school.

Mr. SPEAKER: This is only to respect Article 30(1) of the Constitution which says "All minorities, whether based on religion or language, shall have the right to establish and administer educational institutions of their choice". Only to respect that article in the Constitution, it has been provided there.

Shri SANTI RANJAN DAS GUPTA: Yes, I admit that, Sir. Here under section 36(1), it is stated, "The terms and conditions of recognition, and of grant-in-aid to new elementary schools, shall be as laid down by the State Board from time to time". Sir, the question of grant-in-aid concerns Article 30(2) of the Constitution which says "The State shall not, in granting aid to educational institutions, discriminate against any educational institution on the ground that it is under the management of a minority, whether based on religion or language". Sir, here it is given to a certain Board, and how is it relevant? Again, Sir, I would like to draw the attention of the hon. Members to sections 41 and 42. Section 41 says, "In an area of compulsion the guardian of every child, resident in such area, shall, subject to the provisions of section 42, be bound to cause the child to attend

a recognised Elementary School in such area". Then 42 says, "A guardian may be exempted from causing a child to attend a recognised Elementary School if:—

"(i) The child is receiving education otherwise than in a recognised school to the satisfaction of the Attendance Authority".

Sir, this is a contravention of the Article 350-A of the Constitution. I draw the attention of the House to the Article 350-A, it reads:—

"It shall be endeavour of every State and every local Authority within the State to provide adequate facilities for instruction in the mother-tongue at the primary stage of education to children belonging to linguistic Minority Groups and the President may issue such directions to any State as he considers necessary or proper for securing the provision of such facilities". Sir, in an area of compulsion there may be guardians who may not like their children to attend to a Elementary School which is not imparting education in mother tongue.

Mr. SPEAKER: They may start a school of their own and give education to their children in their own mother tongue.

Shri SANTI RANJAN DAS GUPTA (Lumding): Unless we hand-over the management of the school to the local authority, the school shall get no fund, recognition or aid from the Government. Sir, it is for the State to provide for facilities to all children to get education in their mother tongue at the primary stage and as such all such schools should get financial help and recognition from the Government. Unless grant-in-aid or recognition to such schools are given how can the management of these schools run these schools.

Sir, I shall read section 27(1) of the Education Bill, which says:—

"As soon as the management of Elementary Education is vested in a District Council or a local authority, the State Government shall constitute a Fund for the purpose of elementary education and shall place such amounts out of the said fund as may be necessary at the disposal of the District Council, local authority, the Assistant Secretary of the State Board and the Block Development officer concerned, subject to such conditions as may be prescribed".

Sir, the areas where there is a School Board these schools should be taken over by them.

There is another point to which I would draw the attention of the hon. Members.

Mr. SPEAKER: The House stands adjourned till 2 p.m.

Adjournment

The Assembly was then adjourned till 2 p.m. for lunch.

After Lunch

Shri SANTI RANJAN DAS GUPTA (Lumding): Mr. Speaker, Sir, want to draw the attention of the House to the Basic Education Act, 1954. Sir, sub-clause 11 of clause 2 says "Primary or basic school under private management" means a primary or a basic school not under the direct management of the State Government or local authority or a School Board constituted under the the Assam Primary Education Act, 1947. Again Section 38 (1) of the Basic Education Act says "If the managing authority of any school under private management mentioned in sub-section (2) of Section 36 which has been recognised under the provisions of section 36 desires that such school shall be granted an aid from the Regional Basic Education Fund, it shall submit an application in the prescribed form to the School Board concerned."

Sir, the Basic Education Act gave a description and definition of Private School, but we do not find any explanation here in this Bill. Now, I am drawing attention of the House to Clause 39 (2) of the Assam Elementary Bill. This sub-clause imposes 2 or 3 conditions. One of the conditions is that the child will have to acquire attendance order first. The second point is that he can only attend a recognised school under private management. The third point is that the local authority should ensure that the education which the child is receiving free. Now, let me read Section 27 (1) which says 'as soon as the management of Elementary Education is vested in a District Council or a local authority, the State Government shall constitute a Fund for the purposes of elementary education and shall place such amounts out of the said fund as may be necessary at the disposal of the District Council, as Local authority' etc. So, Sir, unless the management is vested the State Government will not constitute a fund. Therefore, I want to know whether this is in contravention of Article 30 (1) and 30 (2). Then again Section 14 (3) (iii) of the Bill says 'to appoint teachers in recognised schools on the advice of a Committee by the State Board under section 15A and transfer, them as necessary and also grant such leave, other than casual leave to them as may be admissible.' This section also speaks about the the recognised school. Now, Sir, if we read all the sections together, whether these are not in contravention of Article 30 (1), I want to know. I think these become *ultra-vires*. In this connection I am pointing out a very pertinent judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India. The Hon'ble Supreme Court says—'there is, no doubt, no such thing as fundamental right to recognition by the State but to deny recognition to the educational institution except upon terms tantamount to the surrenders of their constitutional rights of Administration of the educational Institution of their choice is in truth and in effect to deprive of their rights under Article 30 (1). So, Sir, these three clauses are to be read together. There is no definition or explanation chapter about recognised private schools. Again I am drawing your attention to the judgment of the Supreme Court of India on the Kerala Bill. This is also very pertinent. The learned Counsel for Kerala argued vehemently and in reply their Lordships said: "It is not for this court to question the wisdom of the Supreme Law of the Land. We the people of India have given unto ourselves the Constitution which is not for any particular community or section but for all its provisions are intended to protect all minority as well as the Majority communities. There can be no manner of doubt that our Constitution has guaranteed certain cherished rights of the minorities concerning their language, culture and religion. These concessions must have been made to them for good and valid reasons. Article 45, no doubt, requires the State to provide for free and compulsory education for all children, but there is nothing to prevent the State from discharging that solemn obligation through Government and aided Schools and Article 45 does not require that obligation to be discharged at the expense of the minority communities. So long as the Constitution stands as it is and is not altered, it is, we conceive, the duty of this Court to uphold the Fundamental rights and thereby honour our sacred obligation to the minority communities who are of our own. Therefore, Sir, I submit that three sections—39 (2), 27 (1) and 14 (3) (iii) may be read together and seen whether these are *ultra-vires*. According to Section 27 (1) unless the management of the school is vested to the local authority, no fund will be created by the State Government.

Therefore, I submit that these clauses are contrary to the provisions of Article 30 (1) and 30 (2) of the Constitution of India.

Shri MAHAMMAD UMARUDDIN (Dhubri): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I think my friend has been labouring under certain misapprehension as to the validity of the provisions of the Bill. He has invoked the provisions of Article 30 (1) and (2) which says "all minorities, whether based on religion or language, shall have the right to establish and administer educational institutions of their choice." Article 30 (2) says—"The State shall not, in granting aid to educational institution, discriminate against any educational institution on the ground that it is under the management of a minority, whether based on religion or language." Now, Sir the first point is the right to establish educational institution of their choice. The choice may be in regard to language or religion.

The State has no right to put any restriction in such matters, and therefore every community has the right to establish any institution of their choice. Now, Sir, supposing a particular minority community whether linguistic or religious, sets up an institution and there is a similar institution set up by the majority community. The Constitution envisages that both these institutions should be treated on a par, so far as the giving of grants is concerned.

Now, Sir, the hon. Member said that under clause 27 it has been provided that no institution will receive any money unless its management is vested in the State Board. This is wrong. I would draw his attention to clause 17, as amended by the Select Committee. There, "School Authority" has been defined and it has been defined to include private management. It says "School Authority" means the Managing Committee or Head of the Institution or the Proprietor, as the case may be". Therefore, it clearly mentions about schools under private management. Even schools managed by private individuals may come within the definition of "School Authority". The same clause lays down "Except as otherwise provided in this Act, the Elementary Education Fund shall be applied for (1) payment of grants to the local authorities and to the District Councils, as the case may be, for the purpose of elementary education". Then sub-clause (ii) says "payments of grants to a school authority or other authorities if any, on specific projects and schemes on elementary education". Now, Sir, we are concerned with elementary education. Here it is clearly laid down that grants can be made to an institution if applied for by the school authority. It will, therefore, be seen, Sir, that no discrimination has been made in the matter of grants, and no restriction has been put in the way of establishment of such institutions or in the matter of receiving grant for elementary education. My friend should not therefore labour under any misapprehension on this score.

Now, Sir, the Constitution under Article 45 has puts an obligation on the State Government to give free and compulsory primary education. What is that primary education? It must certainly come up to a particular standard. The private persons and organisations have no doubt been allowed to set up institutions to give primary education through the medium of the pupils' mother tongue, or the medium of their choice. But it is the duty of the Government to see that the education imparted in those institutions does not fall below a certain standard; otherwise it

will be no education at all. Therefore, Sir, to ensure the imparting of prescribed standard of education a school has to be recognised. Merely because I set up an institution I will not be entitled to receive grant. The education imparted in the institution must come up to a certain standard. Therefore, the only restriction the Bill imposes is this ; that a particular institution should be recognised only when it conforms to the standard laid down by Government. Then, Sir, unless this is done the pupils themselves will face difficulties. The State will be doing a great injustice to them if certain minimum standards are not enforced, because the pupils of such institutions after completion of their course will have to go to next higher institutions for further education and the authorities of those higher institutions may not admit those boys if they have not passed certain examinations to qualify themselves to take higher education. This is only restriction that has been put. This Bill does not interfere in any way with the establishment of primary schools by private individuals, by any minority community, racial, religious or linguistic. There is no restriction. They have the right to teach through the medium of the mother tongue of the pupils or through any medium of their choice. They can also get grants under the provisions of sub-clause (2) of clause 17. But the only condition is this that the school has got to be recognised by the authority concerned in order to ensure that the education imparted there is of the standard and quality that is necessary in national interest. Anybody is at liberty to set up an institution and impart primary education there, but when it comes to the stage of seeking Government help, he has to satisfy certain authorities about the standard and quality of education imparted there. Therefore, Sir, so far as the legal aspect is concerned, the position is absolutely clear and the objections raised by the hon. Members are not at all maintainable.

Then, Sir, if my friend thought that this Bill infringed on any provision of the Constitution, he was at liberty to raise that point at the time of introduction of the Bill. He did not raise it then. But nevertheless, Sir, I think the point raised by him has no validity at all, either on the basis of the provisions of this Bill or in the light of the Constitutional provision he has referred to.

Now, Sir, I would like to make some observations with regard to some provisions of this Bill.

Mr. SPEAKER : You are to confine yourself only to the point of order raised.

Shri TAJUDDIN AHMED (Tarabari) : অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, clause 24ৰ power.....and function নতৈ local Authorityক power দিয়া হৈছে আৰু clause 27ত কৈছে:—

“As soon as the management of Elementary Education is vested in a District Council or a local authority, the State Government shall constitute a Fund for the purposes of elementary education and shall place such amounts out of the said fund as may be necessary at the disposal of the District Council, local authority, etc.

চৰা local authority power পোৱা কাৰণে minority groupৰ মানুহে যদি এখন স্কুল খোলে তেওঁ minority community এ শিক্ষা পোৱাত বাধা আহিব পাৰে সেই কাৰণে এই clauseটো Indian Constitution মতে ভাল নহ'ব বুলি ভাবে।

***Shri DEV KANT BOROOAH (Minister, Education):** Mr. Speaker, Sir, I do not appreciate the point of order raised by the hon. Member from Lumding, but I appreciate his point of view, that is to say the necessity of safeguarding the linguistic and cultural rights of linguistic and religious minorities. He has drawn the attention of the House to Articles 29 (1) and 30 (1) of the Constitution. Article 29 (1) says "Any section of the citizens residing in the territory of India or any part thereof having a distinct language, script or culture of its own shall have the right to conserve the same." Article 30 (1) lays down "All minorities whether based on religion or language, shall have the right to establish and administer educational institutions of their choice". Sir, the purpose of these provisions is to safeguard the rights of linguistic and religious minorities in respect of their language and cultures.

So far as this bill is concerned this does not exclude any minority to establish or to get any grant in aid from the Government to teach a particular language and for the matter of that provide education in terms of certain religious teaching. Therefore there is no contravention of the article as pointed out by the hon. Member from Lumding. What he has raised is about the right of the State Board to set a certain standard of the teacher. It will be necessary to do so; because certain qualification must be prescribed for the teacher in respect of a particular language. Otherwise it will be difficult to appoint teachers. For example supposing we have certain institution for Islamic Study and Culture in different grades of Madrasa. The minority community are entitled to teach their boys under the Islamic religions in Arabic language. So the standard for the teachers for this institution must be set by the Government though they have right to teach their boys in that particular language; but the qualification of the teachers is a matter in which the education department sets the standard. There must be certain minimum qualification prescribed for these teachers. It is not that every Muslim will go to that institution and teach the boys. Each and every Muslim cannot go to Madrasa and teach. He must have certain minimum qualification which entitles him to teach in that Madrasa and the responsibility of fixing this minimum qualification has been left to the Government. Take for another example we have many Bengali High School. The qualifications of the teachers of these Bengali High Schools have been set by the Education Department. It is not that every Bengali is eligible to enter into that institution and teach Bengali. He must have certain minimum qualification prescribed by the education department to teach that language. Similarly in the Primary Education also the Bengali Teachers are to be qualified to teach Bengali in the Bengali Schools. There are also Assamese schools and the qualification of the teachers to teach Assamese must be there that is to say the teacher is to have a certain standard of education as laid down by the education department. For this purpose the Education department has appointed the State Board to advise in this matter. So far as this Board is concerned this Board is to advise the Government on these matters. So far as the directive policy is concerned, it always remains with the Government. In respect of other points, I may say that it is not tenable. The hon. Member has raised the point that this

Board has on direct control over the private schools which do not fall under the control of the State Board. Therefore, this bill does not preclude establishment of school under private management.

Sir, the third point is raised about the authority; it has been said that no authority has been given to the Gaon Sabha. The establishment of the minority school in places where majority community as pointed out by Shri Tajuddin, they cannot start school of their own, they have no right or authority to open such school under certain circumstances; but the Gaon Sabha constituted as it is by a majority of a particular community has no right to establish school, the Gaon Sabha has only right to manage the school. About the school fund it is said by my friend Md. Umar-uddin that this does not preclude establishment of private school and get grant as such which are deserving. So, Sir, there is no contravention of the article relating to the fundamental right.

So, Sir, I would submit that the point of order raised by my Friend from Lanka is not tenable. All the same Sir, although I do not agree with the point of order is not in order, I appreciate his point of view. Sir, the problem of protecting and safeguarding the linguistic minority and religious minority has attained a paramount importance in the state of ours and that is why Sir the Government have retained certain powers in themselves in order that there may not be an infringement of fundamental rights of the minority community. Moreover Sir, this Government is not only protecting the existing right of the minority. The hon. Member may have known that the Government have decided to introduce Boro language as a medium of language in Kokrajahar Subdivision. So in circumstances both from the point of view of law and facts I do not think this point of order is tenable and therefore I submit that it may be rejected.

Shri TAJUDDIN AHMED (Tarabari) যদি গাঁও সভা বা Local Authority এ কোনো এটা কথাৰ বিচাৰ ঠিক নহৈ নিদিয়ৈ নেহে special grant will be given by Government বুলি ইয়াত নাই।

Mr. SPEAKER: May be prescribed.

Shri TAJUDDIN AHMED: আৰু ইয়াৰ পৰা অৰ্থৎ গৱৰ্ণমেণ্টৰ পৰা directive দিয়াৰ কথা কৈছে সেইটোও বিলত নাই।

Shri SANTI RANJAN DAS GUPTA (Lumding): Sir, I want to clear one point. The hon. Minister said that the Primary Schools under the Private Management do not come under this rule. I want a clarification on this point.

Shri DEV KANT BOROOAH (Minister Education): This clause has a history. This was done on the advice of the Union Minister of Education. They considered that in a certain area there may be private school whereas there may not be another what is known as State Board Schools. In that case, a boy if he is directed to study in a school, no school will be available for him except those private schools in a compulsory area. Therefore, it is in conformity with law, the Delhi Primary Education Act has it, that this provision has been kept. The Select Committee included it on the recommendation of the Government of India.

Shri SANTI RANJAN DAS GUPTA: Another point, Sir, private schools not coming directly under this Act, whether they will be given grants-in-aid under Article 30(2) of the constitution?

Shri DEV KANT BOROOAH : Yes Sir, it will be given.

Shri MAHAMMAD UMARUDDIN (Dhubri) : Under clause 17(11) there is an Elementary Education fund at the State level out of which money can be given to the institutions. Under clause 27 there is another fund which is at the village level.

Mr. SPEAKER : Order, order, please.

This point of order by Shri Das Gupta has been discussed in detail and it has taken about an hour's time of the house. In all two points have been raised, one concerning Article 45 of the Constitution and the other Article 30 (1) of the Constitution.

Article 45 of the Constitution reads as follows :

"The State shall endeavour to provide, within a period of ten years from the commencement of this Constitution, for free and compulsory education for all children until they complete the age of fourteen years".

I think nowhere in this Bill—the Assam Elementary Education Bill 1962—this provision has been violated. Rather this Bill has the intention to fulfil the objective of Article 45 of the Constitution. The main purpose of this Bill is that primary education becomes compulsory and all students within the age of 14 years get the facility for study in primary schools. This is the primary intention of the Bill. Therefore on this score Article 45 of the Constitution is not violated in any way by any provision of this Bill.

Then the next article which has been quoted by Shri Das Gupta is Article 30 (1) of the Constitution. This reads :

"All minorities, whether based on religion or language, shall have the right to establish and administer educational institutions of their choice".

This point has been amply explained by the Education Minister. His reply made it clear that the intention of the Government is to safeguard the interests of the minorities whether religious or linguistic. And from the provisions of the Bill, it is difficult to find out any provision which may directly or indirectly contravene this article of the Constitution.

What is known as State Board Schools, in that case a boy if he is directed to study in a school, no school will be available for him except those private schools in a compulsory area. Therefore it is in conformity with law, the Delhi Primary Education Act has it, that this provision has been kept. The Select Committee included it on the recommendation of the Government of India.

Shri SANTI RANJAN DAS GUPTA (Lumding) : Another point Sir, Private schools not coming directly under this Act, whether they will be given grants-in aid under Article 30(2) of the Constitution.

Shri DEV KANT BOROOAH (Minister, Education) : Yes, Sir, it will be given.

Shri Md. UMARUDDIN (Dhubri) : Under clause 17 (ii) there is an elementary Education fund at the State level out of which money can be given to the institution. Under clause 27 there is another fund which is at the village level.

Then another point which has been raised by Shri Tajuddin Ahmed with reference to clause 24 (1) of the Assam Elementary Education Bill. He has contended that the local authorities might act in such a manner which may in some way or other infringe the legitimate rights of the minorities religious or linguistic. That point has also been explained by the hon. Minister. Under Clause 27 (1) of the Bill Government reserves the right to prescribe certain rules by which the Local Authorities will be guided and how the fund of the Local Authority will be administered. Thereby it has fully safeguarded the interests of the linguistic and religious minorities. I, therefore, fully agree with Shri Md. Umaruddin and the Education Minister and hold that no provision of the Bill directly or indirectly infringes the rights of minorities, linguistic or religious. Whatever little difficulty there might be somewhere in the drafting of the Bill might be cured by prescribe rules and that power is with the Government. The Subordinate Legislation Committee, I believe, will look into them. Whatever doubts or confusion there might be in construing any of the provisions of the Bill will be clarified in fuller details by rules. I think there ends the point of order. I hold the point of order as invalid and I allow the Bill to be continued.

Then I put the question. Anyone speaking on the consideration of the Bill.

Shri RATHINDRA NATH SEN (Karimganj-North): Mr. Speaker, this is a very important Bill placed before this House. It was introduced earlier and also placed before the Select Committee for their views. It has had the advantage of being studied by persons of eminence and by those who have authority to speak on this subject. The report of the Select Committee is before us now. A long time was taken on the point of order raised by Shri Das Gupta. We have heard a lot and we have got very definite assurances from our hon. Education Minister who appears to us very revolutionary and progressive minded indeed. Whatever apprehensions we had as linguistic minorities have now been removed and we hope a time will come when all of us, the various linguistic groups, will live in peace, unity and amity.

Sir, I want to make a few observations with the expectation that while framing the rules these observations will find a place there if they are considered fit for inclusion. With that intention, Sir, I have prepared a statement so as not to speak irrelevant matters. Sir, I seek your permission to read it out.

Sir, in the statement of Object and Reasons of the draft Bill, it has been stated that "in view of the desirability of implementing the accepted policy of democratic decentralisation, it is necessary to associate the Gaon Panchayats and other local authorities with the management of Elementary Schools. At the same time, it is necessary that adequate provision is made by the Government to ensure better supervision of Elementary Schools, raising of their standards and arrangement for proper training of teachers. The existing Basic Education Act does not provide fully for all such matters and therefore, in order to achieve the end in view, it is considered necessary to bring in a fresh piece of legislation, repealing the existing Act. Hence the Bill."

Sir, in the light of this statement, while we go through the lines of the Bill we find nothing of the much talked democratic decentralisation. It may rather be characterised as recentralisation. In all crucial and vital spheres, it appears autocratic centralisation of power has been the motto of the proposed Bill and thereby ugly fangs of Bureaucratic regime comes in the fore again under the democratic set up and this must go ill together; thus the provisions as embodied in the Bill, belie the statement of objects and reasons.

Sir, according to the Bill the proposed State Board to be formed and constituted as almost only supreme machinery with the Chairmanship of our Education Minister at the Capital, does not add any new feather to the present arrangement; rather the forthright denial of existing Institutions in Subdivisional level, as these are now, professes a planned withdrawal of powers delegated to Boards constituted under a democratic way.

The teachers who are the most vital limbs of the Elementary Education, strangely enough, get no place in the proposed State Board, although the author of the Bill does not hesitate to accommodate all officers of the department from top to bottom as members thereof. In fact, the wise counsel of the select Committee has latter suggested inclusion of two teachers representatives in that Board. There is likelihood of 'too many cooks spoil the broth.' The bulky size of the Board seems to be a miniature form of legislature in the Capital. Sir, in the arena of education, wisdom is the pre-requisite, not the democracy, as it is aptly said, hundred fools cannot make one wise men. Sir, the Secretary of so-called State Board will get under him, an army of Assistant Secretaries and the D. I. of schools, by virtue of their offices, will assume such posts. The Bill also did not dissatisfy the Inspectors of schools in their respective circles. Formerly, they would only rub their cheeks in matters of Primary Education; but this time they have also been given power of appointing teachers of Senior Basic and M. V. schools. At present there is a curb on the unilateral action of the D. Is. as Secretaries of School Boards; but the proposed Bill for democratic decentralisation does contemplate to arrange for autocratic centralisation of such powers to be exercised in all crucial matters, placing no clog on the whims of those officers. Of course, the Select Committee has scented the danger and suggested appointment of three educationalists in each Subdivision to guide the D. Is in matters of appointment of teachers, their dismissal and otherwise. As a matter of fact, this provision marks a backward move and as a result thereof, a worst panorama of Bureaucratic regime is sure to be revived in the horizon.

Sir, association of Gaon Panchayat with the management of the Elementary schools will replace the present Managing Committee system as in practice now under the Assam Basic Education Act. The question is whether it is more democratic than that of the system in practice. Every village has its own machinery of management for its school and Managing Committee can also send their representatives to the School Board on the basis of an election and that was also possible for the teachers too. So, in what way, I cannot understand the proposed new arrangement strike improvement upon the present system in matters of democratic decentralisation. A change for the better is always desirable, but I do not see any sight of this in this Bill. The constant changes make unsettled. Within the span of a decade, it appears that the Elementary Education of the State, has to undergo the ordeal of intermittent operations in the hands of almost

all the successive Education Ministers and this time, it is to go under a major operation. The children have their own psychology in their own sphere and it is more necessary to maintain the equilibrium thereof without resorting to pin-pricks now and then. In the Bill under consideration we find more inclination to usurp the controlling authority of Elementary Education in a very stiffer way than to set up an improved method and manner of children education itself. A vast vacuum thus remains in the field of Primary Education eventually leading the children world to a state of utter suffocation. We have taken only the objective view of the things, discharging the subjective side altogether, which naturally reacts on psychological aspect of a child vitally. We expected to find a statutory provision for the selection of the proper text books, taking the workings of the children "mind under new set up of things into due consideration. The stereotyped composition of text books for the children does not any way create a new climate in the sector of Primary Education. A new type of children literature to suit the children of free nation must come in.

Sir, in clause 2 of Section 33 of the Bill we find that some statutory safeguards have been envisaged for the teachers, while in clause 3 of the same Section of the fact of the employees has been decided otherwise. This has created a very great suspicion in the minds of the employees. Sir, instead of leaving them at the mercy of the Government statutory provision as to their rank, position and emoluments should be increased in the body of the Bill itself. On the other hand, Sir, nothing has been said about the teachers who prove deficient rather worthless in the matter of teaching and technique thereof. A statutory Conduct Code for teachers must be there to achieve the end view as desired. No amount of training will improve those who prove to be mentally dullard and unfit for teaching in actual practice. There must be separate Service Rule to get rid of those unwanted persons for upgrading the standard after a due screening on the basis of compulsory retirement. And again there must be provision as well as awarding special prizes to those teachers who perform the task of teaching brilliantly and they should also be given extra remuneration and their services are to be extended beyond prescribed period. Sir, functions of repair, extension and construction of school buildings may be delegated to Panchayats and in consultation with the Managing Committees of schools, this may be implemented at Gaon Panchayat level. Otherwise there is every chance of School being reduced to a political chess board and teachers to the status of volunteers of respective political groups. The State Board should be a small one with Education Minister as its Chairman to save it from the handicaps of too much representation and too many memberships.

Shri DULAL CHANDRA BARUA (Jorhat): Mr. Speaker, Sir. I must thank the Hon'ble Minister of Education for coming forward with this Bill with a number of really progressive measures. But, Sir, while going through the recommendations of the Select Committee, I am constrained to say that some of the suggestions of the Select Committee are at contrast to the progressive outlook of the Bill which has been as eloquently advocated by our Hon'ble Education Minister. I am in agreement with Sri Rathindra Nath Sen, who spoke on the real purpose of the Bill taking as he did, the views and sentiments of our people and also of the democratic set up of Government. Although I agree with some of the views expressed by the Hon'ble Education Minister I am somewhat doubtful regarding the main purpose of the Bill. Some other hon. Members have rightly stated that the State Board would be

quite unmanagable, if it becomes very big. This Bill is going to replace the School Board in the District Councils. But in actual practice, I find that another Committee has been envisaged in the Bill. It will confuse the minds of the people and it will also affect the efficient management and working of the educational system. Now, Sir, coming to the main point, the Bill will come into force in the whole State with the exception of the Autonomous Districts. So, I do not find any reason for appointment of a member to the State Board from the Autonomous Districts. But the Bill is meant for the whole State so that there may not be any anomaly in the matter implementation of the educational policy for the whole State as a whole. It should be implemented to all concerned without making any discrimination in regard to the legitimate interests of any section of people and also to safeguard the interests of the minority communities in the State. Now, as this education is mainly concerned with the younger generation of our State, we are to see very carefully that the Bill will not adversely affect the psychology of the students—both in plains and Hills. Therefore, Sir, my submission is that it should be extended to the Lower Primary and Higher Elementary stages, irrespective of any region either in the Autonomous or in Plains Districts. Lastly, Sir, regarding the power given to the local authorities, *i. e.*, Gaon Panchayat, I am doubtful why Government is going to flog a dead horse, because, these Gaon Panchayats are not in a position to manage this Board.

If we entrust them with these heavy responsibilities, they will not be able to exercise them effectively and judiciously. You know, Sir, the psychology of our common people. They are illiterate, and uneducated. Therefore, I feel that it would not be proper to give these responsibilities to the goan panchayats. Now in Clause 25 the District Councils have been invested with the power to establish, construct or manage elementary schools in the Autonomous district. But here nothing has been clearly mentioned as regards the fate of the schools imparting education in Assamese or Bengali. We will manage and control them or what should be the media of education, nothing has been mentioned.

Sir, coming to Clause 3 of the Bill we find that the State Government shall constitute a State Board for Elementary Education to advise Government for the development, expansion, management and control of elementary education in the State. Sir, I heard the statement of the Hon'ble Education Minister made earlier to-day very carefully and I quite agree with him when he said that emphasis should be given not only management and control but that efforts should be made to raise the standard of education. I quite agree with him that it is the quality that counts more than quantity in education. But I would like to ask the Hon'ble. Education Minister one simple question. The question is : what is he going to do with the present set of teachers who are responsible for this very low standard of education? In my opinion the existing set of teachers should be trained up properly so that they can give education to our students as suitable to meet the demands of the country today. It has also been provided in the Bill that there would one representative from each of the District Councils of the Autonomous Districts. I fail to understand why this provision of a member from each of District Council should be in the State Board, if the Autonomous Districts does not come under the purview of this Bill. As regards the nomination of two Presidents of Mohkuma Parishads, I think this provision requires very careful consideration. Because a high standard of education depends to a large

extent on the type of persons selected for the Board. I have also noticed that provision has been made also for nomination of two representatives of teachers of Lower Primary and Middle Vernacular Schools. In the matter of selection of such teachers I feel government should exercise extreme caution to see that the selection is most judicious and that it does not cause any rivalry among their colleagues.

There is one more very important to which I want to draw the pointed attention of the hon Members of this House. This is regarding the Clause 11 according to which the responsibility of proper administration, supervision and inspection of elementary education and of arrangement of proper training of teachers shall lie with the Government. The Government shall also determine the curriculum and duration, standard and syllabus of the course of instruction to be imparted in an elementary school. If the purpose of this Bill is to arrogate for the Government the powers of determining the curriculum, administration, supervision and also the syllabus of the elementary schools, then I fail to see the necessity of the Advisory Board that is going to be formed. Government is going to form an Advisory Board to give advice to it. When that Board gives any advice to the Government the function of the Government should be to give effect to that advice. Therefore, Sir, in my opinion, Government should keep its hand clear of these things.

I have already referred to Clause 25. I welcome any provision that safeguards the rights and privileges of the minorities. We must always be very careful to see that the sentiments of these minority communities are in no way wounded. But, Sir, at the same time we should also take into consideration the question of education that has got to be given to Assamese and Bengali boys as also boys of communities other than tribals. There are Assamese and Bengali Schools. We delegate all the powers of management, control and establishment etc. as also to prescribe the language and the manner in which elementary education should be imparted in these Bengali and Assamese Schools in the Autonomous Districts, will that be conducive to the achievement of the purpose of this Bill? That point deserves in my opinion very careful consideration.

Mr. SPEAKER: Mr. Barua, we have got very limited time and therefore you should finish your speech.

Shri DULAL CHANDRA BARUA (Jorhat): Sir, I shall finish within three minutes.

Mr. SPEAKER: There are about 8 amendments to the Bill and if the hon Members want to speak 3 minutes is more than the time allotted it will not be possible for me to carry on the business of the House. There should not be any repetition also.

Shri DULAL CHANDRA BARUA (Jorhat): Now, Sir, in Clause 33(2) all teachers and other employees of Schools maintained by School Board shall be taken over by the State Board. We should be very careful about this provision. Sir, these school teachers although poor constitute the most honourable section of our society, and we should always be careful about maintaining their status and integrity. All these points requires very careful and thorough consideration. I feel this Bill is framed very haphazardly and hastily and therefore I request the hon. Members of the House to reconsider the Bill so that we can implement the provisions of the Bill in a proper way, so that we can impart real education to the children of our State.

Shri DEVKANTA BOROOAH (Minister, Education): Sir, I have listened to the points raised by the hon. Members from Karimganj as well as from Jorhat, who has left his place. Sir, as I have said earlier this morning, the purpose of this Bill is to achieve certain objectives. That objective is to create enthusiasm among the people for education in order that education may expand that at the same time it may ensure measures of quality control in order that expansion may not lead to deterioration of the standard. Sir, that is the purpose of the Bill. If the hon. Members from Karimganj and also from Jorhat do approach this Bill from that point of view, then they would find much to commend rather than criticise the Bill. Sir, my hon. friend from Jorhat has raised certain specific points which require clarification.

Sir, I will deal with the hon. Member for Jorhat first, just because he raised some specific points and he raised one or two points which require clarification. The hon. Member for Jorhat has said that this Bill was framed in a haphazard manner. I do not know what he means by haphazard manner, but his words are meant I mean what the Dictionary means. Then this Bill is not haphazard and vague taking into consideration the circumstances under which this Bill, as I have said earlier, I got it processed by the Ministry for Education, Government of India and the report which I have got through a letter from the Education Minister himself. I would not read out the whole thing but I will only confine myself to that point about haphazard framing of the Bill. The provisions of the Assam Elementary Education Bill, 1962 were carefully examined and following comments have been offered. First, the Bill is a very progressive piece of Legislation and makes a great advance over the Assam Basic Education Act, 1954 which would now be repealed. The State Government deserves congratulations for this effort. Sir, I will refer to the letter of the Union Ministry of Education rather than on the side of the hon. member for Jorhat. I hope the hon. Members will agree with me. Not only Sir, this Bill was earlier discussed by the Select Committee for three days and it contained a large number of Members of this House who devoted much time for consideration of this Bill. Therefore, all that I can say that this Bill was haphazardly framed is not only incorrect but unfair.

Sir, the hon. Member for Karimganj is afraid that this Bill is anti-democratic. The hon. member for Jorhat who is also a Member of the Opposition is afraid that this Bill has given too much part to the Gaon Panchayat. Therefore, because this Bill has been attacked from both points, one said that this is too far in the process of democratisation, the other said that this Bill is anti-democratic, the hon. Members want to take the Clock back. All I can say, Sir, I feel that both should try to reconcile both the points because today we have got to have democratisation as well as quality control. So this Bill is right in steering its course on one democratisation, if I may say so, or the bureaucratisation on the other. That part of work which relates to ensuring the efficiency of the teachers and inspection of schools and teachers. That part has been left, to the officers. But the other part which relates to the management of schools, attendance of students, equipment for schools, that part has been left to the people. So this is the Basic Education policy of this Bill which wants to achieve the twin objective of spread of education on one hand and quality control on the other. Sir, the hon. Members, both of them suggested that this State Board is not a body for doing good work. Sir, that is true, if it can be left to one man, perhaps the work would be speedier; but there will not be conformity with the democratic process and I have to accept that the whole idea of forming

of the State Board was to see that different points of view should be discussed and certain agreed solution arrived at. This Bill includes the State Board members of the Legislature who will bring to bear on the deliberations of the Board and the points of view of the people. In the education, this will include officers who represent what is known as the academic point of view. This will represent teachers, this will represent also the Mahakuma Parishads Sir, the purpose of this varigated representation is to see that the entire attention of the all sections of people is focussed on the problem of Primary education in the State. The hon. Member for Jorhat wants it to be extended to the Autonomous Districts immediately. Sir, that is an ideal thing, but it so happens that the Constitution of India in the Sixth Schedule the right of establishment and management of schools and teaching of languages and the manner in which it has to be taught, has been left to the Autonomous Districts. There are two things in respect of minorities in India, one is the right of those minorities who live amongst the majority community. Their rights should be protected. They are protected by the fundamental rights and there are also certain linguistic minorities who live in compact blocks. Their interests are not quided by safeguards in the fundamental right alone but by specific autonomy as given in the Sixth Schedule. Therefore, Sir, we have no right from the point of view of law or of social morality to introduce this Act in the Autonomous districts, unless they want it. Therefore, Sir, I believe that time will come when it will be possible for us to have one common education system for the entire State. That can be done only with the willing consent of the Autonomous districts. Sir, we should keep our door open so that some day, we can evolve a common pattern of education. We have provided for representation of district Councils in the State Board. There is another reason, Sir, although the right to manage and establish primary schools has been given to the District Councils, there are certain aspects of primary education which need collaboration between State Government and the District Councils, in order to ensure that we have provided for the representation of District Council in this State Board. Sir confidence is a matter of experience. When we want each other I am sure, we will have confidence in each other and before long this will be possible to have a common educational law in the State.

Sir, another point the hon. member for Jorhat raised was about Curriculum as I have said that there are certain matters of technical nature and for that one needs technical competence. As the hon. Members are aware this time we have provided in the Budget for publication of Text Books by and we hope that in course of the next Plan we will be in a position to write edit and publish text books by the State as directed by the National Integration Committee. It is because we wanted to respect the wishes and direction of the National Integration Committee. We have kept curriculum out of it in order that it might be implemented through the Text Book Committee which is a specialised body of technical competence. Sir, I feel, hon Member for Karimganj has suggested something about School Board. He thought it was a democratic form. Sir, School Board consisted a number of nominated persons and even under the Old Basic Education Act, which provides for the School Boards there was a lot of doubtful territory about authority of the Chairman and the Secretary of the School Board, who is in fact Inspectors of Schools and the result has not been very conducive to the advancement of the Elementary Education in the State, as quoted by figures this morning by me. I know, Sir, this Bill is not perfect. But to expect perfection in a Bill of this nature is a tough task.

Sir, Mr. Rathin Sen made another point about the changes which I have made. Sir, I think as a socialist and a believer of socialism, just as I am, he would welcome more rapid changes. Sir, I find from 1954 to 1962, within this long period much water has flown down from the River Brahmaputra as well as of the other rivers of Assam. Sir, in a dynamic society, we want to create progressive society, whether in the matter of education whether in the matter of industry, whether in the matter of general education and for that we need dynamic machine of a static one. My Basic Education Act given a good services in the circumstances, for which it was brought about. But, Sir, I think its utility is outdated and therefore some changes are there in the Basic Education Act and the Elementary Education Bill is changed for towards progress and deserves support by all progressive Members of this House, amongst whom I include the hon. Member from Karimganj.

Mr. SPEAKER : I put the question. The question is that the Assam Elementary Education Bill, 1962 as reported by the Select Committee, be taken into consideration, clause by clause.

(The question was adopted.)

Mr. SPEAKER : There is no amendment to clause 1.

Amendment to clause 2: Shri Barbaruah. He is absent. Amendment to clause 3: Shri Barbaruah. He is absent.

I put the question. The question is that clause 1 to 3. both inclusive stand part of the Bill.

(The question was adopted.)

Clause No.4: Dr. Homeswar Deb Choudhury.

Dr. HOMESWAR DEB CHOUDHURY (Patacharkuchi) : অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয় মহি এই সংশোধনী প্রস্তাব আনিছো। মাননীয় শিক্ষামন্ত্রী ডাঙৰীয়াই এই সদনত অসম এলিমেন্টেৰী এডুকেশ্বন বিলখন দাঙিধৰি শিক্ষা ক্ষেত্ৰত এটা প্ৰগতিৰ চৌ আনিছে। সেই কাৰণে ইমান ডাঙৰ এটা কথা তেখেতক বাধা দিয়াত অনুচিত। তথাপি এই বিলাকৰ উন্নতিৰ বাবে কেইটামান সংশোধনী দিব লগা হৈছে। আমি যেতিয়া বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ৰ পৰীক্ষাৰ ফলা-ফললৈ লক্ষ্য কৰো তেতিয়াই দেখা পাও যে শতকৰা ৪৮।৪০।৪২ জনহে ছাত্ৰ ছাত্ৰীহে পৰীক্ষাত পাচ কৰিছে। আমাৰ ৰাজ্যত ইমান বিলাক স্কুল-কলেজ স্থাপিত হৈছে শিক্ষাৰ বিস্তাৰৰ কাৰণে তথাপি ফলা-ফল বেয়া। এইটো এটা চিন্তাৰ বিষয় হৈ পৰিছে। শিক্ষা মন্ত্ৰী মহোদয়ে আকৌ কৈছে যে, প্ৰাথমিক স্কুল বিলাকত আমাৰ যে সৰু সৰু লৰা-ছাৰালী বিলাকে ভাগকৈ শিক্ষা নাপায় সেই কাৰণে চেকেণ্ড ষ্টেজত আদি শিক্ষাত উত্তীৰ্ণ হ'ব নোৱাৰে। কথাটো সঁচা। কিন্তু কিয় এনে হৈছে? ১৯৪৭।৫৫ চনৰ ভিতৰত আমাৰ স্কুল গঠনৰ যি 'আবহাওয়া' সেই আবহাৱাৰ পৰিপক্ষী কিছুমান 'ফেক্টৰে' আমাৰ ছাত্ৰ-ছাত্ৰী বিলাকৰ প্ৰগতিৰ পথত বাধা আৰোপ কৰিছে।

Mr. SPEAKER: আনাব সময় কন। গতিকে আপুনি সংশোধনী কেইটাৰ লগত জড়িত বিষয় বস্তুবোৰে আলোচনা কৰক, তেতিয়াহলে মন্ত্ৰী ভাঙৰীয়াই তাৰ উত্তৰ দিবলৈ সময় পাব।

Dr HOMESWAR DEB CHOUDHURY (Patacharkuchi):

এই বিলাকৰ আজিলৈকে সংশোধন হোৱা নাই। ইয়াত দুজনৰ ঠাইত এখন হ'ব লাগে তেওঁলোকে মহকুমা পৰিষদৰ কথা এই বৰ্ডত প্ৰতিবেদন কৰিব। দুজনৰ পৰীক্ষা নাই এজনেই যথেষ্ট। ইয়াৰ কাৰণ গাওঁ পঞ্চায়তৰ অধিবেশত সদস্য নিয়োগ কৰিব লাগে; মহকুমা পৰিষদে নহয়।

নিউনিচিপালিটি বা টাউন কমিটিৰ যদি এজন সভ্য হ'লেও হয় তেনেহলে মহকুমা পৰিষদৰো এজন হ'লেই হ'ব। গতিকে বেচি প্ৰদোজন নাই।

Mr. SPEAKER: Mr. Choudhury, are you going to withdraw the amendment? Has the hon. Member leave of the House to withdraw the amendment?

(The amendment stands withdrawn with leave of the House).

Mr. Thanhlira has another amendment. His amendment has been submitted late. Last date for submission of amendment was 7th August 1962, but Mr. Thanhlira has submitted on 9th August 1962. As there is sufficient for the submission of the amendment and passing of the Bill, I think the amendment may be allowed. (With the leave of the House, the amendment is allowed).

Shri R. THANHLIRA [Aijal East (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)]: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move that for item (IX) of sub-clause (1) of clause 4, the following shall be substituted:—“(ix) Member in charge of Primary Education of each of the Autonomous District Councils”.

Sir, as you are aware, the District Council is a miniature self-governing institution. In every District Council, there is an executive body or Executive Council or Executive Committee. Usually, this Executive Committee consists of 3 members. All these 3 members are not concerned with Primary Education of the District Council. So when a member is going to be nominated from the District Council, I think it is only proper that the particular member of the Executive Committee whose portfolio is Education should be taken as a member of the State Board.

Shri DEV KANT BOROOAH (Minister, Education): Sir, it is a matter for the District Council to select their nominee. Government does not want to restrict this in any manner because this might be misconstrued in certain quarters as an interference. Secondly, I found, Sir, that the different District Councils have duly designated their members. Khasi and Jaintia Hills has started District Council School Board with a Chairman who is also the member of the District Council. If I am not mistaken they have done the same thing in Mikir Hills also. There they have appointed an Education Board and there is a Chairman of the Education

Board. So, there is trouble about designation also, but more than that, Sir, I feel it might be misconstrued as a kind of interference with their representation. So, Sir, I would request Mr. Thanhlira not to press this amendment.

Mr. SPEAKER: Mr. Thanhlira, are you going to withdraw the amendment?

Shri R. THANHLIRA: Sir, if an Hon'ble Minister in charge says...

Mr. SPEAKER: No, if you are going to withdraw the amendment, it must be unconditional.

Shri R. THANHLIRA: Yes, Sir, I withdraw.

Mr. SPEAKER: The amendment stands withdrawn with the leave of the House.

Shri TAJUDDIN AHMED (Tarabari): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move that in item (xi) of sub-clause (1) of clause 4 after the words 'Mahkuma Parisad', the words 'and three Presidents of Gaon Panchayats' shall be inserted. Also I beg to move that in item (xv) of sub-clause (1) of clause 4 for the word 'two' the word 'five' shall be substituted.

মাননীয় অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, আমাৰ এই প্ৰাথমীয়া শিক্ষাৰ বিষয়টো তিনিটা কমিটিৰ দ্বাৰা আমি গোটাই অসমতে চলাবলৈ বিচাৰিছো। ইয়াৰে এটা হ'ল State Board আনটো হ'ল Advisory Committee আৰু তৃতীয়টো Local Authority, ইয়াত মহকুমা পৰিষদৰ কথাই নাই।

State Board টো চৰকাৰী বিভাগীয় কৰ্মচাৰীৰে গঠিত হ'ব।

Advisory কমিটি প্ৰত্যেক মহকুমাতে D. I. ৰ লগতে থাকিব।

তাৰ লগতে Local Authority বুলিলে আমি গাঁও পঞ্চায়তকো বুজো। এতিয়া যদি গাঁও পঞ্চায়তৰ পৰা কাকো লোৱা নহয়, তেন্তে তেওঁলোকে তাৰ পৰা কি সুবিধা বা অসুবিধা পালে একো গম ধৰিব নোৱাৰিব।

মহকুমা পৰিষদৰ দুজন মেম্বাৰ লোৱাৰ কথা নাই অৱশ্যে লয় যদি লওক। কিন্তু গাঁও পঞ্চায়তে স্কুল ভাঙিব পাতিব তেওঁলোকে সদায় চাই থাকিব লাগিব। তেওঁলোকৰ মেম্বাৰ নাথাকিলে তেওঁলোকৰ অসুবিধা সুবিধা দৰ্শে ৱাত সুবিধা নহয়, তেওঁলোকে পৰোক্ষ ভাৱেহে জনাব লাগিব অথবা এজনৰ গা আনজনে খজুৱাই দিয়াৰ নিচিনা হ'ব।

সেই কাৰণে মই ভাবো, গোটাই অসমত গাঁও পঞ্চায়তে স্কুল চলাই সুখ পালেহে দুখ পালে এই কথা প্ৰত্যক্ষ ভাবে জানিবলৈ হ'লে গাঁও পঞ্চায়তৰ পৰা যন্তঃ তিনিটা মেম্বাৰ ল'ব লাগে। সেই কাৰণেই মই এই সংশোধনী প্ৰস্তাৱ আনিছো।

তাৰ পিচত যি সংশোধনী প্ৰস্তাৱ আনিছে Two representatives of teachers of lower primary and middle vernacular schools to be nominated by the State Government. অৰ্থাৎ হালকা হালকা শিক্ষক আছে এনেকি নিম্নপ্ৰাইমাৰী আৰু M. V. স্কুলৰ শিক্ষকেই বহুতো হ'ব। তেওঁলোকৰ নাম দুজনহে ল'লে বহুতো কৰা হ'ব। এই তিনিটাৰ ঠাইত এটা কৰিব লাগে।

ইয়াকে কৈ মোৰ সংশোধনী প্ৰস্তাৱটো গ্ৰহণ কৰিব বুলি আশা কৰিলো।

Shri HOMESWAR DEB CHOUDHURY (Patacharkuchi) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move that for sub-clause (2) of clause 4, the following shall be substituted :—

“(2) No person shall be entitled to continue as a member under clauses (viii) and (ix) of sub-section (1) if he ceases to be a member of the Legislative Assembly or a member of District Council of Autonomous District ; as the case may be”.

Sir, here in the original Bill, it appears that only a Member of the Legislative Assembly will cease to be a member of the Board if he ceases to continue as a member of Legislative Assembly. But the member from the District Council will continue to be a member of the Board even if he ceases to be a member of the District Council. This is according to the provisions of this Bill. The District Council will have no power to change this and this will greatly upset the District Council. The District Council will send their nominee to this Board and when he ceases to be a member of the District Council, he will still continue to be a member of the Board.

The member of the district council representing the district council may be an outsider. It appears if my amendment is not accepted the district council will have no power to nominate a member to this Elementary Board for the interest of the district council. So I would request the hon. Member to support me in accepting this amendment and the hon. Minister will also agree to accept it. My amendment reads like this :—

“That for sub-clause (2) of clause 4 the following shall be substituted :—

“(2) No person shall be entitled to continue as a member under clauses (viii) and (ix) of sub-section (1) if he ceases to be a member of the Legislative Assembly or a member of District Council of Autonomous District, as the case may be”.

Now, clause (ix) of sub-section (1) read as follows :—

“One representative from each of the District Councils of the Autonomous Districts, “to this I have added “as the case may be”.

Shri DEV KANT BOROOAH (Minister, Education) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, Tazuddin Ahmed's amendment seeking to add the word “and these Presidents of Goan Panchayats after the words “Mahkuma Parishads in my opinion is not necessary. I hope, the hon. Member will appreciate that the State Board is a policy making body and in this Board Gram Panchayats would not be directly or indirectly involved in policy making as

their responsibility would be confined, if they are represented, to the implementation of certain Gaon Panchayats in village level in the State Board, so no useful purpose would be served by providing representation to them.

Secondly, the number of Gaon Panchayats is too large and three members representing Gaon Panchayats will not serve the purpose, that is to say that the representative point of view of all the Gaon Panchayats of the State would not be served. I think, Sir, their points of view could be conveyed by the representatives of the Mahkuma Parishad.

Then, so far as representatives of the teachers are concerned, two teachers in the State Board are sufficient to serve the purpose. This body, the State Board, will be more or less a consultative or executive board and the main purpose of including two teachers is to get their point of view and nothing will be done to override any group or groups of people by increasing the number of representatives from 2 to 5 and will not help further so far as representation of teachers in the Board is concerned.

With regard to Dr. Homeswar Deb Choudhury's suggestion that the no person shall be entitled to continue as member of the Board if he ceases to be a member of the Legislative Assembly or member of the District Council of Autonomous District. Sir, I would like to leave this point to the District Council about the type of man they like to send to the Board and I do not want to interfere in their rights because if we interfere it will not serve the purpose. Because when the district councils may not only nominate members of the district council and they may nominate some academic or other members to the Board who may not be member of the District Council. So, it is better to leave this to the district council's discretion.

I have made the points referred to in the amendments clear and I hope, the hon. Members will withdraw their amendments.

Mr. SPEAKER : Will the hon. Members withdraw their amendments? (voice Yes, Sir.)

(The amendments stand withdrawn with the leave of the House).

Mr. SPEAKER : There is no amendment to clause 5.

The question is that clauses 4 and 5 of the bill both inclusive stand part of the Bill.

Clauses 4 and 5 do stand part of the Bill.

(The question was adopted).

Dr. HOMESWAR DEB CHOUDHURY (Patacharkuchi) : I beg to move that in sub-clause (1) of clause 6 after the word "re-election" at the end the word "renomination" shall be added.

Here only I want the word "renomination" after the words "re-appointment or re-election" in the sub-clause (1) of clause 6. I hope; there will be no objection to accept it.

অৰ্থাৎ এনেকুৱা supervision of attendance ছাত্ৰ আৰু শিক্ষক—এইটো ইয়াত vague হৈছে। লৰা-ছোৱালী বিলাকক স্কুললৈ উলিয়াই নিব, পিতাক সকলে স্কুললৈ পঠাইছেনে নাই পঠোৱা ইত্যাদি চাব। ইয়াৰ পিচত শিক্ষক সকল স্কুললৈ আহিছেনে তাকো চোৱা উচিত। কাৰণ বহুত সময়ত দেখা পাও যে, বহুত শিক্ষকে স্কুললৈ নাযায়। কাৰণ এই শিক্ষক বিলাকক ২৪।২৫ বা ৪০ মাইল দূৰলৈ অনেক সময়ত পঠোৱা হয় আৰু তেওঁলোকে ইমান দূৰত কাম কৰিবলৈ নাযায়। অনেক সময়ত সেই স্কুল বিলাকৰ শিক্ষকৰ দৰ্মহা চেক্ৰেটাৰীয়ে লৈ যায়। এই বিলাক যাতে হব নোৱাৰে তালৈ লক্ষ্য কৰিব লাগে আৰু শিক্ষকে ঠিক নতে নিজৰ কাম স্কুলত কৰে নে নকৰে চাব লাগে। তাৰ পিচত দেখা যায় শিক্ষক সকলে বেতিৰ সময়ত ওপৰ শ্ৰেণীৰ ছাত্ৰ বিলাকক নিজৰ কামত খটুৱায়। এই বিলাক অৱৈধ কাম যাতে নহয় তাৰ কাৰণে চকু দিব লাগে। আন হাতে এই শিক্ষক বিলাকক বেচি দৰ্মহা দি নিজৰ কৰ্তব্য নিয়মীয়াকৈ কৰিব পৰাৰ সুবিধা দিব লাগে। এই বিলাকৰ Supervision ৰ ভাৱ পঞ্চায়তক দিব লাগে। এই বিলাক প্ৰয়োজনীয় পৰামৰ্শ চৰকাৰলৈ আগবঢ়ালো আৰু যাতে বিৰোধী দলৰ পক্ষৰ পৰা আহিছে, সেই ৰ লি গ্ৰহণ নকৰাকৈ নাথাকে।

Shri R. THANHILRA [Aijal (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] : Sir, I beg to move that for item (ix) of sub-clause (1) of Clause 4 the following shall be substituted—

“(ix) Member in-charge of Primary Education of each of the Autonomous District Councils.”

Here, Sir, in the beginning of Clause 6(1) it is stated at the beginning—

“Subject to other provisions of this Act, every member of the State Board shall hold office for a term of three years from the date on which the notification under section 5 has been published. On the expiry of such term, a number shall be eligible for re-appointment or re-election.”

I think, we should not make any rule for the continuance of office by a member or members in the office for more than the period of 3 years. This is the duty of the Government that when the term of office of a member is expired that the same person is renominated or substituted. I think, simply to provide that a member should continue his term of office in the first meeting of the next Board, is not quite good. At the same time, I do not quite understand this last sentence of the sub-clause (4) of clause 6 that, “every member of the State Board shall continue to hold office until the first meeting of the next State Board at which a quorum is present”.

Does it mean that in the first meeting of the next Board when the quorum is not present, the member whose term ordinarily has expired will still continue as Member ?

Mr. SPEAKER : Yes, he will continue to function.

Shri R. THANHILRA : Therefore, Sir, I feel that when the term of the Member has expired, a new Board should be constituted either with the old Members or with new members. To all the members, whose term has already expired, to continue is not proper.

Mr. SPEAKER : Amendment moved.

Shri DEV KANT BAROOAH, (Minister, Education) : This has been provided for the continuity of the Board and there is nothing unusual about it, and there is nothing wrong about it. The Board is a continuous body.

(The amendment was withdrawn with the leave of the House.)

Mr. SPEAKER : I put the question. The question that clauses 6 and 7 do stand part of the Bill.

(The motion was put as question and adopted.)

Now Clause 8

Shri DEV KANT BAROOAH : Sir, this is not an amendment. It is a mis-print.

Mr. SPEAKER : The mistake should be rectified. As there is no amendment upto clause 12, I put the question. The question is that clauses 8 to 12, both inclusive, do stand part of the Bill.

(The motion was put as question and adopted.)

There is no amendment to clause 13. I put the question. The question is that clause 13 does stand part of the Bill.

(The motion was put as question and adopted.)

Now clause 14. There are amendments from Shri Thanhkira and Shri Tajuddin Ahmed.

Shri R. THANHLIRA [Aijal-East (Reserved for Scheduled Castes)] : Sir, I beg to move that in item (iii) of sub-clause (3) of Clause 14 after the word "appoint" occurring in the first line, the words "and transfer them as necessary" shall be inserted, and the same words ("and transfer them as necessary") occurring in the third line shall be deleted accordingly.

Sir, I am moving this amendment just to safeguard the position of proposed the Assistant Secretaries. According to this Bill the Deputy Inspectors are to be responsible for the appointment, transfer and dismissal of the teachers. Some of them will be target of criticism from all quarters because when it comes to the question of appointment or transfer or dismissal of any Government servant, the authority concerned always become the target of criticism and they are charged with corruption, nepotism and other things. In order, therefore, to safeguard the position of the Assistant Secretary I have moved this amendment, and I think not only the Assistant Secretary but also the Sub-Committee that is to be formed in all Subdivisions should be made responsible for all appointments, transfer and dismissal of the teachers. That is my motive, Sir.

Mr. SPEAKER : Amendment moved is that in item (iii) of sub-clause (3) of clause 14 after the word "appoint" occurring in the first line, the words "transfer them as necessary" shall be inserted, and the same words ("and transfer them as necessary") occurring in the third line shall be deleted accordingly.

Shri TAJUDDIN AHMED (Tarabari) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move that in item (iii) of sub-clause (2) of clause 14 between the words "appoint" and "teacher" occurring in the first line the words "and dismiss" shall be inserted.

অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, মোৰ এই সংশোধনীটোৰ উদ্দেশ্যৰ সহজ। ইয়াত কোৱা হৈছে (iii) to appoint teachers in recognised schools on the advice of a Committee constituted by the State Board under section 15A and transfer them as necessary and also grant such leave, other than casual leave, to them as may be admissible ; এই শিক্ষক সকলক কামত নকৰল কৰাৰ সময়ত চেক্রেটাৰীয়ে কমিটিৰ লগত আলোচনা কৰে। কিন্তু যদি তেওঁৰ দোষ হয় আৰু তেতিয়া কামৰ পৰা বৰখাস্ত কৰাৰ সময়ত কমিটিৰ আলোচনা নকৰে তেন্তে অন্যায় কৰা হয়। কামত নকৰল কৰাৰ সময়ত কমিটিক আলোচনা কৰি যিজনক ঠিক বুলি লোৱা হয় সেইজনক বৰখাস্ত কৰিবৰ সময়ত কমিটিক আলোচনা নকৰাকৈ যেনেতেনে এটা দোষ উলিয়ায় খেদা ঠিক নহয়, অৰ্থাৎ নকৰল কৰাৰ সময়ত যেতিয়া কমিটিৰ লগত আলোচনা কৰে বৰখাস্ত কৰিবৰ সময়তো কমিটিৰ লগত আলোচনা কৰিব লাগে। এই দিলত dismiss শব্দটোৱেই নাই। সেই কাৰনেই সংশোধনীটো দিছে যে in item (iii) of sub-clause (3) হৈ (2) নহয় of clause 14 between the words "appoint" and "teachers" in the first line insert the words "and dismiss."

Shri DEV KANT BOROOAH (Minister, Education) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, the purpose of these two amendments is identical and therefore, I am treating them together. Sir, it is the usual rule of the Government that the appointing authority is the dismissing authority. Therefore, when the Assistant Secretary is the appointing authority, he is also the dismissing authority. Nevertheless there is a procedure which he has to follow and that procedure should be laid down in the rules. The Advisory Committee advise only in respect of appointment but it does not actually appoint the teachers. The appointment is to be made by the Assistant Secretary and so we cannot take away the right of dismissal from him. That is the rule of the Government, but in all such matters there is a procedure. proceedings are to be drawn up against the person or persons concerned. More than that we have provided for appeal against any order or decision of a local authority and the appeals of the employees of the Elementary school shall lie to the Secretary, State Board. A second appeal against the decision of the Secretary State Board shall lie to the State Government whose decision in this behalf shall be final.

So we have provided 2 appeals—in the first place, the employees can go to the State Board and subsequently he can go to the Government to ensure that there will be no victimisation and also in order that there may not be any infringement of fundamental right.

Mr. SPEAKER : Mr. Thanhlira, will you press your amendment ?

Shri THANHLIRA : No.

Mr. SPEAKER: The amendment stands withdrawn with leave of the house.

Mr. Tajuddin, will you press your amendment?

Shri TAJUDDIN AHMED: Yes.

Mr. SPEAKER: I put the main question. The question is that in item (iii) of sub-clause (2) of clause 14 between the words appoint and 'teachers' occurring in the first line the words 'and dismiss' shall be inserted.

The amendment is lost. The clause 14 and 15 do stand part of the bill.

Amendment Nos. 11 and 12 stand in the name of Khagendra Nath Barbaruah who is absent. Therefore, there is no amendment from clauses 15(A) to 23. Therefore clauses 15(A) to 23 both inclusive do stand as a part of the bill.

Mr. SPEAKER: Clause 24.

Dr. HOMESWAR DEB CHOUDHURY (Patacharkuchi): Sir, I beg to move in item No. (ix) of sub-clause (1) of clause 24 after the word "attendance" the word "students and teachers" shall be inserted.

মই প্ৰত্যাশা কৰিম যদি এই শিক্ষক সকলক দূৰলৈ পঠোৱাইলে যদি 'এলাৰেন্স' দিয়াৰ ব্যৱস্থা কৰে মোৰ সংশোধনীটো প্ৰত্যাশা কৰিছো। মই এইটো কথা কব খুজিছো যে, গাঁও পঞ্চায়ত বা local authority ক গোটেই খিনি ক্ষমতা দিয় হৈছে। অল্প আগতে মন্ত্ৰী মহোদয়ে কৈ গৈছে যে গাঁৱৰ বাইজে স্কুল পাতিলে গাঁও পঞ্চায়তে পৰিচালনা কৰিব। কিন্তু কিছুমান ঠাই এনেকুৱা আছে যত, মানুহ বিলাকৰ অন্তৰত প্ৰেৰণা নাই। কিছুমান ঠাই আছে যত মানুহ বিলাকৰ শিক্ষাৰ অভাৱৰ কাৰণে, কোনোবাকম initiative আৰু প্ৰেৰণা নাই। এই বিলাক কাৰণত কেনেকৈ স্কুল পতা বা পৰিচালনা হ'ব পাৰে বুজি নাপাও।

মন্ত্ৰী মহোদয়ে কৈছে যে বাইজে স্কুল বান্ধিব আৰু গাঁও পঞ্চায়তে চলাব; কিন্তু পিচপৰা বাইজৰ, যাৰ তেনে কোনো initiative নাই, তেওলোকৰ অবস্থা কি হ'ব? মই উদাহৰণ স্বৰূপে কও যে বৰপেটাৰ পূব বজালী মৌজাৰ বগাপাৰা গাঁওৰ মানুহৰ কি অবস্থা হ'ব? তাত কেইঘৰ মান মানুহ আছে তেওলোকক জন্ম বা উত্থৰ বোলে তেওলোক অনুসূচীত সম্প্ৰদায়ৰ লোক অৰ্থাৎ সংখ্যা নিচেই তাকৰ তেওলোকৰ মেট্ৰিক পাচ কৰা মানুহ নাই—কোনো প্ৰেৰণাও নাই। সেইকাৰণে গাঁও পঞ্চায়ত বা স্থানীয় কামটিয়ে সেইটো কৰি দিয়াৰ ক্ষমতা দিয়া উচিত।

এই কাৰণে মই কৈছো যে সেই স্কুল বিলাক প্ৰতিস্থা কৰিবলৈ পঞ্চায়তে নিজে আগবাঢ়ি যাব লাগিব। গাঁওৰ বাইজে ঘৰ সাজি স্কুল প্ৰাতিস্থা কাৰণ লাগিলে, ভাল শিক্ষক নাপায় চতুৰ্থ বা পঞ্চম শ্ৰেণীলৈ পঢ়া ল'ৰা কিছুমানক নিয়োগ কৰে আৰু শেষতো তেওলোকক ৰাখিব লগা হয়। গাঁও পঞ্চায়তে কৰিলে তেনে অৰ্থতা নথকা শিক্ষক নলব কাৰণ স্কুল বোডে নিশ্চয় অহা তা এটা বান্ধি দিব লগতে সেই শিক্ষকজনে যাতে স্থায়ীভাবে থাকিব পাৰে তাৰ কাৰণে ঘৰ আদিও সাজি দিব লাগে এইবিলাক কাৰণেই মই সংশোধনীটো আনিছো।

***Shri DEV KANT BOROOAH (Minister, Education) :** This amendment cuts at the root of the spirit under which this bill has been framed. Certain matter has been left to the Panchayat and certain matter to the School Board. Sir, the supervision of the attendance has become necessary because as soon as we extended compulsory education the scope of compulsory education Act about the attendance becomes necessary and it becomes a part and parcel of the bill. The hon. members are aware that if this power is left to the local authority particularly to Gaon Sabha there may be some unfair working of the schools in absence of a suitable machinery. Therefore, I feel that guardians look themselves whether their children go to school and see whether the teachers also go or not, this will serve both the purposes. If this power is left to the local authority there might occur administrative complication. Therefore, I do not think that this amendment is necessary or will be helpful so far as this act is concerned. I would request the hon. Member to withdraw his amendment.

Mr. SPEAKER : Will you withdraw your amendment, Chaudhury ?

Dr. HOMESWAR DEB CHOUDHURY : Yes.

(The amendment with leave of the House has been withdrawn)

Dr. HOMESWAR DEB CHOUDHURY (Patacharkuchi) : I beg to move that after item No. (ix) of sub-clause (1) of clause 24 of the following shall be inserted as item No. (X) and the existing item No. (X) shall be renumbered as item No. (XI) :—

“(X) establishment of schools and management of elementary schools.”

Mr. SPEAKER : Amendment moved is that after item No. (ix) of sub-clause (1) clause 24 of the following shall be inserted as item No. (x) and the existing item No. (x) shall be renumbered as item No. (xi) :—

“(x) establishment of Schools and management of elementary Schools”.

Shri DEV KANT BOROOAH (Minister, Education) : Sir, this amendment seeks to leave the power of establishment of new schools to the Gaon Panchayats. Sir, that would again bring in financial complications. Establishment of schools will require a plan and a pattern. If it is left to the Gaon Panchayats it may be, Sir, as the hon. Member has said, left to the initiative of the Gaon Panchayat, as in the case of village mentioned, and the result will be that there will be no school at all. So it is to provide against the exploitation of the more backward parts of the society by the more advanced in the name of democratisation. Sir, it is proposed to see that the establishment of schools is done according to a pattern and programme. Therefore, I am not in a position to accept this amendment.

Mr. SPEAKER : Has the hon. Member leave of the House to withdraw this amendment.

(House expresses assent).

The amendment stands withdrawn.

The question is that clause 24 forms part of the Bill.

(The motion was put as question and adopted.)

Shri R. THANHLIRA [Aijal East (Reserved for Scheduled Tribas)] : I beg to move that in Clause 25 after the word “district” at the end of the sixth line, the words “under paragraph 6 of the sixth schedule to the Constitution” shall be added and all the subsequent words thereafter shall be deleted.

Sir, this Clause 25 of the Bill says "the District Council for an autonomous district shall have the power to establish, construct, or manage elementary schools in the autonomous". Sir, this is to me quite a new thing. As far as my knowledge of the Constitution is concerned, the autonomous district Councils are empowered to construct and manage the primary schools. But according to the definition in this Bill elementary education can be given upto Class VIII whereas the primary education in the autonomous districts is only upto primary education. So, up-till-now the Sixth Schedule of the Constitution has not made any provision for the District Council to have power upto elementary education as envisaged here. In fact the power given to the District Council regarding primary education in the autonomous districts is only a part of what is called elementary education in this Bill. In order, therefore, to clarify this point it is quite necessary and imperative, that the words as suggested in this amendment are a necessity. Otherwise it looks as if the District Councils have got all the power for the management of schools upto elementary stage. This provision of clause 25 cannot happen unless and until the Sixth Schedule of the Constitution is amended to suit this provision. Therefore, Sir, it is necessary to incorporate this amendment. At the same time I have suggested that the subsequent words shall be deleted. The subsequent clause is "Subject to such conditions as may be prescribed with the consent of the District Council or Councils concerned". In Paragraph 6 of the Sixth Schedule to the Constitution all these are there. Therefore, the repetition of the words as provided in the is redundant and not necessary. Therefore, I suggest that the subsequent clause shall be deleted.

Mr. SPEAKER: Amendment moved is that in clause 25 after the word "district" at the end of the Sixth line the words "under paragraph 6 of the Sixth Schedule to the constitution" shall be added and all the subsequent words thereafter shall be deleted.

***Shri DEV KANT BOROOAH (Minister, Education):** Mr. Thanhlira has raised indeed a very important point. Let me, Sir, take up the latter part of his objection first. We have mentioned what the rights and the authority of the District Council should be in the Bill in order that our State Board can have a ready reference so far as rights and privileges of the District Council are concerned. Otherwise it may be as you sometimes experience, might infringe upon their constitutional rights which will result in misunderstanding.

In order that the State Government and the State Board may not infringe into the territory regarding the rights and privileges of the Sixth Schedule.

Secondly, Sir, it is very difficult to distinguish between the Primary and Secondary Schools. I am going to give an example. Primary Schools has only classes upto the third standard and the 4th, 5th and the sixth standards are included in the Secondary School. So, Sir, it is better, as a matter of cooperation, we should entrust it to the District Council, so that there is no scope for doubt in our minds. Therefore, I hope Thanhlira would appreciate our eagerness so as not to infringe upon the rights of the District Council and accept the provision of the Bill as it is.

Mr. SPEAKER: Mr. Thanhlira, will you withdraw your motion?

Sri THANHLIRA: Yes

Mr. SPEAKER: The amendment stands withdrawn with leave of the House.

Shri DEV KANT BOROOAH (Minister, Education): Sir, I beg to move that Clause 25 does stand a part of the Bill.

Mr. SPEAKER: As there is no amendment, Clause 25 stands a part of the Bill.

Clause 33—

Sri TAJUDDIN AHMED (Tarabari): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move that in Sub Clause 2 of Clause 33 after the words 'School Board' occurring in the second line the words "and Basic Education Board" shall be inserted.

চাৰ ৩৩ নং ক্লজত কৈছে প্ৰত্যেক মহকুমাতে কিছুমান বোৰ্ড আছিল, এই স্কুলবোৰৰ তলত বেচিক স্কুল আৰু প্ৰাইমাৰী স্কুল বিলাক আছিল। সেই বিলাক স্কুলৰ বাবে যকলৰ নিৰপত্তা এই আইনে দিব। কিন্তু Basic Education বোৰ্ডৰ তলত কিছুমান শিক্ষক আছিল। Basic Education centre আৰু শিক্ষক যকলৰ পৰা চিহ্ন পতা পাইছে। যে এই আইনে তেওঁলোকক নিৰপত্তা দিয়া নাই। তেওঁলোকক বাবে এই আইনে নিৰপত্তা দিয়ে সেই হিচাবে এই সংশোধনী প্ৰস্তাৱ আনিছে। আশা কৰো যেনে প্ৰস্তাৱটো গ্ৰহণ কৰিব।

Shri DEV KANT BOROOAH (Minister, Education): Sir, I do not think that the amendment is at all necessary. The State Board will function in continuation of the Basic Board. In fact, it is only a change in nomenclature. In respect of total emoluments of the employees, Sir, this Bill provides that the total emoluments of employees shall be protected and shall not be lowered except a little heart spilling of delicate nature. So, this amendment serves no purpose. Therefore, Sir, I am not in a position to accept this amendment.

Mr. SPEAKER: Mr. Ahmed, are you withdrawing your amendment?

Shri TAJUDDIN AHMED: Yes, Sir.

Mr. SPEAKER: So the amendment stands withdrawn with leave of the House.

Clauses 32 to 54.

Shri DEV KANT BOROOAH (Minister, Education): Sir, I beg to move that Clauses 32 to 54 do stand a part of the Bill.

Mr. SPEAKER: Motion moved is that clauses 32 to 54 do stand a part of the Bill.

I put the main question that Clauses 32 to 54 both inclusive and the long and short of the Preamble of the Bill do stand a part of the Bill.

Shri TAJUDDIN AHMED (Tarabari): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move that clauses 32 to 54 do stand a part of the Bill.

তাৰ এই আইনৰ অন্তৰ্গত সমৰোপযোগী হোৱা বুলি মনে ধৰিছে। এই আইনে শিক্ষাৰ মানদণ্ড স্থাপন কৰি দিয়া বুলি বিশ্বাস কৰিছোঁ। এটা কথা আমাৰ মনত কিছু সন্দেহ হৈছে যে আমাৰ দেশৰ অন্তৰ্গত শিক্ষাৰ বিষয়ে দুখন বোৰ্ডেই nominated by government সেৱা কৰিব। অন্যতম শিক্ষাৰ বোৰ্ড আৰু আয়োজনাভিত্তিক চলিব বুলি ভয় হৈছে। যিহেতু আগতে প্ৰতিষ্ঠা নিৰ্মিত কৰা বোৰ্ড গঠন হৈছিল তাত ad-hoc হিছাবে chairman nominate কৰি দিয়া হৈছিল। এটা দলৰ পৰা nominate কৰি দিয়া হৈছিল। তাৰ বাহিৰে অন্য কোনো ২২ মেম্বাৰ nominate কৰি দিছিল উপযুক্ত মানুহ থাকিলে এটা দলৰ পৰা দিয়াও আপত্তি নাই। কিন্তু আমি দেখিছোঁ চেয়াৰমেন নাইবা মেম্বাৰ বাচি দিয়া হৈছে একক দলৰ কথা চিন্তা কৰি। শিক্ষা লাইনত থকা মানুহক nominate কৰা সম্ভৱ। গতকালো শিক্ষা মন্ত্ৰী মহোদয়ক অনুৰোধ কৰোঁ যে এই বোৰ্ড দুখনত উপযুক্ত মানুহ দিয়া হয়। বোৰ্ড দুখন মতে গণতান্ত্ৰিক ভিত্তিত হয় আৰু দলীয় ভিত্তিত নহয় তাৰ বাবে মন্ত্ৰী মহোদয়ক অনুৰোধ জনালো।

Shri TARAPADA BHATTACHARJEE (Katigora):

অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয় আৰু মাননীয় শিক্ষা মন্ত্ৰীক অভিনন্দন জনাইতেছি, কাৰণ তিনি এক বলিষ্ঠ নীতি নিয়ে আমাদেৱ দেশে প্ৰাথমিক নতুন কৰে দিবাৰ চেষ্টা কৰেছেন। আমাৰ মনে আশাৰ সৃষ্টি হয়েছে এই নতুন পদ্ধতিতে প্ৰাথমিক শিক্ষা দেবাৰ প্ৰচেষ্টা দেখে। কিন্তু এই সম্বন্ধে একটি কথা বলিব প্ৰয়োজন মনে কৰি যে গত স্কুলবোৰ্ডেৰ পৰীক্ষায় নানা স্বকম নীতি হয়েছিল। Frontier Times খবৰ কাগজে দেখলাম বৰপেটা স্কুলবোৰ্ডে এখন শিক্ষক নিয়োগ কৰেছেন যাঁৰ ভিতৰে অনেক পাচ নাকৰা লোক আছে। স্কুলবোৰ্ডেৰ সেক্ৰেটাৰী এবং চেয়াৰমেন দিয়ে এই কাজ কৰেছে। আমি আশা কৰি ভবিষ্যতে যেন এই একম দূৰীতি ঘটেনা।

আমাদেৱ বাচনি কমিটিতে আলোচনা হয়েছিল শিক্ষাৰ ব্যাপাৰে যেন ৰাজনীতি প্ৰবেশ কৰেনা। আমাদেৱে উপদেষ্টা কমিটি কৰবে সেটা কোন দল থেকে নাকৰে শিক্ষাবিদ নিয়ে কৰলে ভাল হবে এবং শিক্ষাৰ ব্যাপাৰে লাভবান হবে।

Shri DEV KANT BOROOAH (Minister, Education):

Sir, I am thankful to the hon. Members of the House for having given their views to this Bill and also thankful to them for their very valuable suggestions made by them in the shape of observations as well while moving their amendments. If I could not accept some of the amendments moved by some of the Members, not because they were not valuable in their own way but only because they did not fit in with the pattern of the Bill. Whatever valuable suggestions the hon. Members made, I bear them in mind and see that the provisions are implemented without fear or favour. Hon. Member Mr. Bhattacharyya made a very valuable suggestion when he said that politics should not be introduced in the operation of the State Board in implementing the directives of the Constitution about the spread of education in our State. Sir, politics is for adults and education is for the children. If we mix education with politics we will bring what the Bible has said, "If the parents sow the seeds it is for the children to.....". So if we introduce political consideration into the operation of this law as well as in the matter implementation of the education policy in respect of primary education, we will be doing an injustice to our own children, we will be ruining their career and future prospects. Sir, this law enjoins upon the Government of Assam very special responsibilities and I have to bear the burden of implementing them, and then only I can expect to be successful and I can ensure success for me only if I get the unstinted cooperation and advice of every Member of this House. Sir, although this law

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will cover the entire State of Assam with the exclusion of the Autonomous areas. In fact, its utility is more necessary to day in the rural areas where the bulk of our population mostly lives. The children of well to do section, including some of us, go to what is known in Assam as Missionary schools where education is kept out of the party politics, where instructions are regular and where education is imparted by qualified teachers. The evil effects of party politics do not enter into the precincts of these schools where the children of richer class go. But this law will operate only in these areas where the poorer section live. Sir, this Government is run on a programme based on social justice. So Sir, we will be untrue to our philosophy of life, and I personally be untrue to the poorer section of our people from which I come, if I fail to conduct myself in the light of its true spirit and fail to look to the true interests of the common man of the State. Therefore, Sir, I as one having the interest of the common people, because we all belong to them, sincerely hope that I will get all the support from the hon. Members of both sides of the House in my efforts to implement the provisions of this enactment.

Sir, with these words, I commend that the Hon. Members may pass this Bill.

Mr. SPEAKER: I put the question. The question is that the Assam Elementary Education Bill, 1962 as reported by the Select Committee be passed.

(The motion was put as questioned adopted).

Then, I want to make a small adjournment of the House. The House will stand adjourned till 5 p. m. to day. In the mean while, I would ask the Secretary to arrange for light refreshment between 4-30 p. m. to 5-00 p. m. to the hon. Members the officers attending in official gallery on official duties. The members of the Press Association, will be served tea in their own room. The officers, Reporters of the Assembly Secretariat will be served in their respective rooms. The Peons and Orderlies will have their refreshment in the Assembly Canteen at 6-00 p. m.

Adjournment

The Assembly was then adjournment till 5 p. m. for light refreshment.

(After break for tea)

The Assam Town and Country Planning (Amendment) Bill, 1962

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Town and Country Planning): Sir, I beg to move that the Assam Town and Country Planning (Amendment) Bill, 1962, be taken into consideration clause by clause.

Mr. SPEAKER: There is no amendment to Clause (1). There is an amendment in Clause (2).

Shri DAVENDRA NATH SARMA (Gauhati) : Sir, I am not going to move.

Mr. SPEAKER : Dr. Homeswar Deb Choudhury has some amendments, I hope, he will move all his amendments at a time.

Dr. HOMESWAR CHOUDHURY (Patacharkuchi) : Sir, I beg to move my amendment No. 2, that in the proposed new section 8B of the Bill, after clause (j) of sub-section (1) the following shall be added as new clauses (k) and (l), namely :—

(g) Member or Members of the Legislative Assembly of the area covered by the Master Plan

(1) Three representatives of the area outside the jurisdiction of the local authority, but covered by the Master Plan.

Then I beg to move my amendment No. 4, that in the proposed new section 8C going to be inserted by clause 2 of the Bill, after sub-section (3) the following shall be added as new sub-section (4) namely :—

“(4) In case of controversy over any matter amongst the members of the authority and failure to decide by themselves, then the Chairman shall refer such matter to the State Government for final decision. And in case of any complaint against the Chairman, not less than one third of the members of the authority can refer the matter to the State Government.”

I beg to move my amendment No. 6, that in the proposed sub-section 8E to be inserted by clause 8 of the bill :—

(1) in sub-section (1) between the words “meet” and “at such times” in the first line, the words “in every month” shall be inserted;

(2) after sub-section (5) the following shall be added as new sub-section (6) namely :—

“(6) Fifty per cent of the Members of the authority shall be able to requisition a meeting of the authority on important matter”.

I beg to move my amendment No. 7, that in the proposed new section 8F going to be inserted by clause 2 of the Bill at the end of sub-section (1) the following shall be added—

“and in such association, the Chairman of the authority shall inform the State Government, about the person, his qualifications and purpose of association.”

অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয় এম খণ্ডত মই কৈছে।.....

“Member or Members of the Legislative Assembly of the area covered by the Master Plan

“Three representatives of the area outside the jurisdiction of the local authority, but covered by the Master Plan.”

আমাব যিখন কমিটি হব, তাত্ত এচেন্সীৰ মেম্বাৰ দল হ'ব নাই। এচেন্সীৰ মেম্বাৰ হলে, বাইল্ডৰ প্ৰতিনিধি ডিচাল, কিড, কৰা কৰ প্ৰাৰ্থনা তাল পিচত, এই কমিটিত যি নিলাক মেম্বাৰ হব, সেই বিলাক একে ঠাইৰেই হ'ব পাৰিব। এনে হলে, অন্য ঠাইবিলাকৰ প্ৰতিনিধি কৰা নহ'ব। কাৰণেই এচেন্সীৰ মেম্বাৰ তাত থাকিলে, তেওঁলোক প্ৰতিনিধি কৰাৰ সুবিধা হ'ব আৰু আমাৰ হাতে এচেন্সীও আনোচনা কৰিবলৈ সুবিধা হ'ব।

Amendment No. 4: "In case of controversy over any matter amongst the members of the authority and failure to decide by themselves, then the Chairman shall refer such matter to the State Government for final decision. And in case of any complaint against the Chairman, not less than one third of the Member of the authority can refer the matter to the State Government."

এই বিলত এনেকুৱা কিছুমান বুলি আছে, যাবদাৰা, মেম্বাৰ সকলৰ মাজত অনিল ননোভাব হ'ব আৰু মেম্বাৰ আৰু চেয়াৰমেনৰ মাজত কাজীয়া হ'ব পাৰে।

দেখায়া কিছুমান ক্ষেত্ৰত চেয়াৰমেনে, নিজৰ ইচ্ছামতে, বাস্তা, মাণ্ডাৰী আৰু ঠিকা আদি দিয়াৰ ক্ষমতা অপদান কৰে আৰু ইয়াৰ ফলত, কমিটিৰ সভাসকলৰ মাজত, হাই-কাজীয়া হ'ব পাৰে আৰু তাৰ পিচত নহ'লে, কমিটি অচল অৱস্থালৈ আহিব পাৰে। তেতিয়া এক কোনো কান নহ'ব, এনে অৱস্থাত চেয়াৰমেনে এইবিলাক ওপৰলৈ refer কৰা উচিত হ'ব। অৱশ্যে অনাৰ্জন টকাপয়চা খৰচ হ'ব আৰু চেয়াৰমেন সকলে বহুতো পয়চা মাটি কৰি আদি আত্মসাৎ কৰিব। এই বিলাকৰ প্ৰতিবন্ধাৰ কাৰণে ক্ষমতা থকা উচিত হ'ব। চেয়াৰমেন সকলে যে নিজৰ ইচ্ছামতে বহুতো কান কৰে সেই সম্পৰ্কত, এই সদনতে বহুতো প্ৰশ্ন হৈছে। গৌহাটীৰ চেয়াৰমেনে, নিজৰ ইচ্ছামতে, এছাতে, বাস্তাআদি নিজৰ সুবিধাৰ কাৰণে কৰিছে; যৰদাৰী কৰিছে আনহাতে যোৱা দুবছৰৰ ভিতৰত এবাৰো মিটিং পতা নাই।

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Dr. HOMESWAR DEB CHOWDHURY: চেয়াৰমেনে নিজৰ ইচ্ছামতে কান কৰে, মিটিং নাপাতে আৰু বহুতো ক্ষেত্ৰত তেওঁ জোৰ কৰি বহু কাম কৰে।

সংশোধনী (৬)—ইয়াৰ দ্বাৰা, মাণ্ডাৰ প্ৰেজন্ট, যিবিলাক টকা খৰচ হৈছে, সেইবিলাক কেনেকৈ খৰচ হৈছে, কোন কোন ঠাইত বাস্তা মাটি দিয়া হৈছে, এইবিলাক চাবলৈ সুবিধা হ'ব। এই কমিটিৰ কাল এটা, নিৰ্দ্ধাৰিত কৰি দিয়া উচিত হ'ব আৰু বিধান সভাৰ দৰে এবছৰৰ ভিতৰত দুবাৰ বা তিনিবাৰ বা চাৰিবাৰ—বহুবাৰ ব্যবস্থা কৰিব লাগে। মণীমহোদয়ে কৈছে যে, যোৱা জানুয়াৰী বাহুত মিটিং পাতিছে তাৰ পিচত আজি সাত মাহৰো ওপৰ হ'ল এতিয়ালৈক মিটিং পতা নাই।

ঠিক তেনেদৰে এটা নিয়ম বান্ধি দিব লাগে। দেখা যায় জানুৱাৰীৰ পিচত কোনো মিটিঙেই বহানাই। অলপ সময়ৰ কাৰণে হলেও মিটিং নিয়মীত ভাৱে ৰহিব লাগে। তেতিয়াহলে সকলো মেম্বাৰে ঘটনা বা পৰিস্থিতিৰ বিষয়ে জানিব পাৰে। Master Plan বুলিলেই কাম হৈ নঠে তাত সকলোৰে সহযোগ বিচাৰিব। কাৰণে মিটিং অন্ততঃ প্ৰত্যেক মাহে মাহে হোৱা উচিত।

শতকৰা ৫০ জন মেম্বাৰে মিটিং পাতিব পাৰে। প্ৰথমতে কৈছিল ৪ জন মেম্বাৰে মিটিং পাতিব পাৰে—এতিয়া শতকৰা ৫০ জনে এই মিটিং পাতিব পাৰে যদিহে ভৱিষ্যত সকলৰ দৰ্কাৰ বিবেচনা কৰে।

মিহক যাত্ৰ কামৰিলাক সুচাৰুভাৱে হয়, আৰু বৰ্তমান আইনখনো ভাল হয় আৰু আৱশ্যকীয় হয় সেই অৰ্থেই মই মোৰ সংশোধনী ভাঙি ধৰিছোঁ। আশীৰ্বাদে নগৰীয়াসকলে এই বিষয় ভাবিচিহ্নি চাই মোৰ সংশোধনীটো গ্ৰহণ কৰিব।

Amendment No. 6. "(1) in sub-section (1) between the word "meet" and "at a such time" in the first line, the words "in every month" shall be inserted."

মোৰ ৬নং সংশোধনীটো মানি নলে, যদিও ভাষাটো অৰূপ বেলেগ হ'ল! সেই কাৰণে ভাল পাইছোঁ। নাকী ৪নং সংশোধনীৰ বিষয়ে যি ব্যাখ্যা দিছে তাত মই সন্তুষ্ট হ'ব পৰা নাই আৰু সেই কাৰণে সংশোধনীটো উঠায় লোৱা নাই।

authority, Gauhati; Ex-Chairman; meeting;

1) Sub-section (1) between the words "meet" and "at such times" in the first line, the words "in every month" shall be inserted;

After sub-section (5) the following shall be added as new sub-section (6) namely :

"(6) Fifty per cent of the members of the authority shall be able to requisition a meeting of the authority on important matter".

(I) the following shall be added :

"And in such association, the Chairman of the authority shall inform the State Government, about the person, his qualifications and purpose of association".
meeting, problem, Chairman, Master Plan, Bill

Mr. SPEAKER : The Amendment moved. Shri Bhattacharjee—

Shri TARAPADA BHATTACHARJEE (Katigora) : Mr. Speaker Sir, I like the following amendment to be moved that in the proposed new section 8B going to be inserted by clause 2 of the Bill, in sub-section (4) after the words "State Government may" the words "with the approval of the authority shall be inserted."

Sir, in every sphere of our activities we are now following the democratic decentralisation. Just now we have passed a Bill on education and in that bill we have followed that principle and in every other sphere we are following the principle of democratic decentralisation. But in this Bill, there is a tendency, I find, that the power is centralised. In this section the State Government may remove from the authority any Member including the Chairman and the power for removal of a member is going to be vested in the State Government. So my submission here is this, Sir, that if any Member is to be removed or if the State Government thinks a Member undesirable in the authority, the State Government should come forward with reasons.

before the authority and with the approval of the authority they should remove a Member.

So, before the Government remove a Member they should take the approval of the authority.

This is my submission, Sir.

Mr. SPEAKER: The amendment moved.

Amendment No.5—Shri Sarma.

Shri DEVENDRA NATH SARMA (Gauhati): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I move that in the proposed new Section 8E going to be inserted by clause 2 of the Bill, in sub-section (1) between the words "meet" and "at" in the first line the words "once in a month" shall be inserted.

Sir, while moving this amendment, I like to say that there should be fixed period after which the meeting of the authority should be held and with this end in view I move this amendment. I think the house will accept it.

***Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Industries):** Sir, amendments have been moved by Shri Chowdhury. First is that M. L. A. or M. L. As. elected from the areas should become Member of this body. Now, Sir, I have not been able to understand why an M. L. A. automatically becomes Members of such a body. It is not an advisory body, it is not a policy making body but it is an executive body. Now it is an executive body with continuous responsibility, continued scheme and programme. Now, in such a body, M. L. A. himself by virtue of his position should not become the Member. I have tried to find out whether in similar circumstance in any of the Improvement Trust of India M.L.As. are members. I have found they are not Members. Similarly in an executive body like a Municipal Board or the Corporation of Calcutta, which decides very important things and functions, no M. L. A. or M. P., by virtue of being a M. L. A. or M. P. is a Member of the Corporation or of the Municipality. Why is it so? Because M. L. A. by virtue of his position is the watch and ward of society. If he himself becomes executive then who will watch over. Therefore, as a policy it is wrong for M. L. As. to become members concerned in executive bodies. So far as policy making body is concerned, we have placed them in the State Council. Under this Act there is a State Council, which determines policy with regard to town planning and there we have provided 3 M. L. As. and only to-day we have announced the names of those M. L. As. who took part there.

Therefore, Sir, with regard to any policy making body or in an advisory body such as State body the M. L. As. are provided. But here, in an executive body of this type, it is not proper for M. L. As. to become Members from that area.

The second amendment proposes this that 3 Members will be nominated. Now in the earlier provision of the rules we have provided for nomination. Now we find that it would not be necessary to provide any nomination. You will see, Sir, that this provides for local authorities being represented.

The local authority, means not merely the Municipal Board but also Anchalic Panchayat in the area, for instance. Now, what will be the number represented in Gauhati? Now in North Gauhati, the Town Committee, would be represented, the Gauhati Municipal Board would be represented, then 3 Anchalic Panchayat will be represented. It will send its Chairman and one representative. That means these five organisations would send 10 representatives. So instead of 3 we are getting a huge number of 10. Now, it will be appreciated that in an executive body it is necessary that the number of Members might be kept low.

Therefore, in Gauhati itself by provision of this the number would become very large. Over and above this to provide three nomination seems to be quite necessary. So, I hope Mr. Chowdhury and the House will agree with me that it will not be necessary in the changed context, which we are providing to have any nomination.

Now, Sir, with regard to the other amendment moved by Shri Tarapada Bhattacharjee, it is said that the State Government may, with the approval of the authority, remove from the Authority any member, etc., Now, Sir, what will be the use? The State Government normally will not exercise this function. It will exercise this function only when it is very necessary to do so. Now, if we have to take the consent of the delinquent, then how the consent will be given. It should have an overriding authority in the interest of justice that where the delinquency arises, the State will have the authority to remove the person. Suppose, for instance, a very important person in the Authority is wanted to be removed and if we ask for the approval of the Authority, we may not get it. I would, therefore, suggest, Sir, that such a provision would frustrate the very purpose for which this is provided. This nothing to do with the democratic decentralisation or anything of that kind. In order to facilitate the functioning of democracy, it is necessary that so far as these bodies are concerned, there should be overriding power of the State, so that on the question of high delinquency, power of removal may be unfettered with the Government.

Now, Sir, there is another amendment by Shri Choudhury to section 8(c). It says that in case of controversy over any matter amongst the members of the authority, etc. Sir, 8(c) is a section which has nothing to do with controversy. It is a section which determines the functioning of the Chairman only. For instance 8(c) (1) says—the term of office and conditions of service of the Chairman and members of the Authority shall be such as may be prescribed etc., and (2) says—the Chairman or any member may resign his membership of the Authority by giving notice etc., and (3) says—any vacancy created by resignation or removal shall be filled by fresh appointment or nomination by the State Government. So, the controversy with regard to the details and functioning of the subject matters of various discussions does not come within the purview of 8(c)(1). Therefore, howsoever it may be wise or necessary, the provision of that clause in this section is completely out of place. Therefore, I humbly submit that at this place any such amendment will be completely out of question.

Now, with some force, both Shri Sarma as well as Mr. Choudhury have moved an amendment that the meeting of the Authority should be provided to take place once in every month and certain facts have been

cited. I agree with them. I think it is a good idea that we should provide for a meeting once a month. Two provisions have been provided in this respect. One by Shri Sarma says once in a month and the other is by Shri Choudhury which says—in every month. I do not know which will better fit in. The relevant clause read like this—"Each Authority shall meet at such time and place and shall subject to the provision of sub-sections (2) and (3) observe such procedure, etc." Now, if the amendments are accepted, it would read—like this—"Each Authority shall meet once a month" if we accept the amendment of Shri Sarma and if we accept the amendment moved by Shri Choudhury, it will read like this—"Each Authority shall meet in every month". I think the phraseology as presented by Shri Sarma fits in better than the other. So, I have great pleasure in accepting the amendment as drafted by Shri Sarma for this purpose.

With regard to the other amendment moved by Shri Choudhury, the amendment lays down provision for requisition. Now, simply because we have provided that the meeting must take place every month, it becomes unnecessary to requisition a meeting—a fact which no doubt will be appreciated.

There must have been another amendment, I suppose, which provides for association of person for discussion and decisions, who are not actually members of the Authority but may be associated for certain particular purposes. Obviously, this provides for technical discussion. Now, in a Town Planning, it may be necessary from time to time to associate members who will provide them with such technical guidance as may be found necessary. They obviously will not have the power to vote but have powers to discuss only. Now, I think it would be making it cumbersome to provide for informing the State Government of every single meeting or such association. It is not at all necessary. In a democratic decentralisation, we should leave this. If they want to have some advice, they should be able to have it unfettered. It will be the responsibility of the Authority as to the persons who are associated. Therefore, to my mind, the necessity of informing the State Government about every person who has been consulted should not be there. Therefore, Sir, I am sorry to say that I am not in a position to accept this amendment. I am sorry, Sir, that in this matter of legislation, certain references are made to the existing Authority at Gauhati. Sir when we legislate, we legislate for the future, irrespective of a particular incumbent of particular time. So, the remarks which have been made about him are incorrect. For instance, one says he has acquired land. In fact he acquired land much ahead and much before he came into the Authority. That should not form the subject matter of any discussion. Questions were referred to that he has drawn F. A. for going to some places outside the State. How can it be? He has not seen any Improvement Trust functioning. Therefore I advised him that we should go to Calcutta and other places, discuss with people who are running the Trust and then only we will be able; with courage, to face the great task of building Gauhati. Now, it has also been said that it would be advantageous he being an M. L. A., to put question in the Assembly. Sir, on this question, in your absence, I had occasion to speak when the hon. Deputy Speaker was there that whenever a Member of this House is also a Member of a subordinate committee, the Member concerned naturally becomes fully conscious and responsible. Then, he should exercise voluntary restraint over questions concerning him. When

I was a member of the Tea Board and also a Member of the Parliament, I never put any question in the Parliament regarding Tea Board, because it is for the other Members to put questions concerning Tea Board. It was my responsibility and therefore I should not have an additional right to put questions on such matters. In that case, I become a supper member and therefore, whenever a member is there in advisory capacity in a Committee or body he should take full responsibility of omission and commission and he should not exercise any higher power or right over the other members. If he wants to put some questions he should do so through some other members. Sir, I do not know what is your opinion about it. I have made this suggestion with all humility. Sir, it has been said that the authority did not convene any meeting since January last. How can the authority convene meeting? The authority had been questioned and it has been said that the authority had no right to function. Now, Sir, when the authority has no right to function how can it convene a meeting and what is the point in convening a meeting? Therefore, we could not make any conflicting statement. If the authority has no right to function then it should not be questioned as to why it did not convene a meeting. These points were raised by the hon. Members and I have replied them by way of remarks.

Now, so far as the main purpose of discussion is concerned, I have already made my position clear. I am ready to accept amendment No. 5 but as regards other amendments I am not in a position to accept.

Shri MAHAMMAD UMARUDDIN (Dhubri): Sir, under sub-clause (j) of Clause 8B it is stated that one person each from the local authorities covered by the Master Plan to be elected by the members at a meeting from amongst them. Now, this authority may include Town Committee, Municipality, Anchalik Panchayat and Gaon Panchayat. Therefore, Sir, the local authority should be defined so that there may not arise any confusion

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Planning): I agree, this confusion is there. I was glad that Shri Sarma brought an amendment but he has not moved it today. Since he has not moved his amendment I am helpless and we shall have to wait for the next time.

Shri DEVENDRA NATH SARMA (Gauhati): Sir, I want a clarification. The Hon'ble Minister has said something about putting questions by a Member of the Development Authority. Sir, I put some questions regarding Gauhati Authority when I was not a member of that authority. I am a Member of that Authority by virtue of my being the Chairman of the Gauhati Municipality.

Mr. SPEAKER: I think he discussed it generally and he did not mean you. He said that there should be self-restraint on the part of the Member not to put any question. But that cannot be a law.

Shri DEVENDRA NATH SARMA: I want an advice from the Chair.

Mr. SPEAKER: You put questions when you were not a Member.

Now, Shri Tarapada Bhattacharjee and Dr. Homeswar Deb Choudhury, are you going to withdraw your amendments?

Shri TARAPADA BHATTACHARJEE (Katigora) : I am withdrawing my amendment.

Dr. HOMESWAR DEB CHOUDHURY (Patacharkuchi) : I am withdrawing all amendments excepting No. 4.

Mr. SPEAKER : Now, amendment Nos. 2, 3, 6, and 7. Has the hon. Member got the leave of the House to withdraw the amendments ?

(Amendments were withdrawn with the leave of the House.)

Amendment No. 5 has been accepted by the Minister.

I now put amendment No. 4. The question that in the proposed new Section 8(c) going to be inserted by Clause 2 of the Bill, after sub-section (3) the following shall be added as new sub-section (4), namely—

“(4) In case of controversy over any matter amongst the members of the authority and failure to decide by themselves, then the Chairman shall refer such matter to the State Government, for final decision. And in case of any complaint against the Chairman, not less than one third of the members of the authority can refer the matter to the State Government.”

(The amendment was lost)

I now put amendment No. 5. The question is that in the proposed new Section 8E going to be inserted by Clause 2 of the Bill, in sub-section (1), between the words “meet” and “at” in the first line the words “once in a month” shall be inserted.

(The motion was put as question and adopted.)

Mr. SPEAKER : I put the question. The question is that Clause 1 of the Bill does stand part of the Bill.

(The motion was put as question and adopted.)

The question is that Clause 2 as amended does stand part of the Bill.

Now Clauses 3 to 13, both inclusive. There is no amendment. I put the question. The question is that Clauses 3 to 13, both inclusive, do stand part of the Bill.

(The motion was put as question and adopted.)

Now, the question is that the long and short title and preamble of the Bill do stand part of the Bill.

(The motion was put as question and adopted.)

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Planning) Sir, I beg to move that the Assam Town and Country Planning (Amendment) Bill, 1962 be passed.

Mr. SPEAKER : The motion moved is that the Assam Town and Country Planning (Amendment) Bill, 1962 as amended be passed.

(The motion was put as question and adopted.)

The Assam Gramdan (Amendment) Bill, 1962

Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister, Revenue): Sir, I beg to move that the Assam Gramdan (Amendment) Bill, 1962 be passed.

Mr. SPEAKER: The motion moved is that the Assam Gramdan (Amendment) Bill, 1962 be passed.

(The motion was put as question and adopted.)

The Assam Cattle Preservation (Amendment) Bill, 1962

Shri MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Veterinary): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move that the Assam Cattle Preservation (Amendment) Bill, 1962 be taken into consideration

Mr. SPEAKER: Motion moved is that the Assam Cattle Preservation (Amendment) Bill, 1962 be taken into consideration.

(After a pause)—The question is that the Assam Cattle Preservation (Amendment) Bill, 1962 be taken into consideration.

(The motion was put as question and adopted.)

Mr. SPEAKER: There is no amendment. The passing motion may be moved.

Shri MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY: Sir, I beg to move that the Assam Cattle Preservation (Amendment) Bill, 1962 be passed.

Mr. SPEAKER: Motion moved is that the Assam Cattle Preservation (Amendment) Bill, 1962 be passed.

(After a pause)—The question is that the Assam Cattle Preservation (Amendment) Bill, 1962 be passed.

(The motion was put as question and adopted.)

The Assam (Sales of Petroleum and Petroleum Products including Motor Spirit and Lubricants) Taxation (Amendment) Bill, 1962

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move that the Assam (Sales of Petroleum and Petroleum Products including Motor Spirit and Lubricants) Taxation (Amendment) Bill, 1962 be taken into consideration.

Mr. SPEAKER: Motion moved is that the Assam (Sales of Petroleum and Petroleum Products including Motor Spirit and Lubricants) Taxation (Amendment) Bill, 1962 be taken into consideration.

(The motion was put on question and adopted.)

Mr. SPEAKER: There is no amendment. So, the next motion may be moved.

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move that the Assam (Sales of Petroleum and Petroleum Products including Motor Spirit and Lubricants) Taxation (Amendment) Bill, 1962 be passed.

Mr. SPEAKER: Motion moved is that the Assam (Sales of Petroleum and Petroleum Products including Motor Spirit and Lubricants) Taxation (Amendment) Bill, 1962 be passed.

(The motion was put as question and adopted.)

The Assam Taxation (Transfer of Reference Applications) Bill, 1962

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move that the Assam Taxation (Transfer of Reference Applications) Bill, 1962 be taken into consideration.

Mr. SPEAKER: Motion moved is that the Assam Taxation (Transfer of Reference Applications) Bill, 1962 be taken into consideration.

(The motion was put as question and adopted.)

Mr. SPEAKER: There is no amendment. So, the passing motion may be moved.

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move that the Assam Taxation (Transfer of Reference Applications) Bill, 1962 be passed.

Mr. SPEAKER: Motion moved is that the Assam Taxation (Transfer of Reference Applications) Bill, 1962 be passed.

(The motion was put as question and adopted.)

Mr. SPEAKER: We come to the next item. Should we continue discussion on this motion or shall I read out the prorogation order?

(Voices: Let us prorogue.)

Mr. SPEAKER: Is it the sense of the House that we prorogue now?

(Voices: Yes, Sir.)

Mr. SPEAKER: There is one announcement before I read the prorogation order.

Out of 24 Members to be elected by the Assembly to the Assam Road Communications Board, one from each subdivision including the proposed subdivision of Nowgong district, I have already announced the result in respect of 17 Members from 17 subdivisions.

I have received applications of candidates from five more subdivisions, one each from Tura, Mikir Hills, North Cachar Hills, Aijal and Jowai.

The number of candidates being equal to the number of seats vacant in so far as these five subdivisions are concerned. I declare that the following members coming from these subdivisions have been elected unopposed:—

- (1) Shri Emerson Momin (Tura).
- (2) Shri Chatrasing Teron (Mikir Hills).
- (3) Shri Joybhadra Hagjer (North Cachar).
- (4) Shri R. Thanhlira (Aijal) and
- (5) Shri E. Pohshna (Jowai).

There was no candidate from (1) Lungleh and (2) Shillong and these seats will remain vacant for the time being.

Now here is the prorogation order.

“Raj Bhavan, Shillong,
13th August 1962.

Order

In exercise of the powers conferred by Clause 2(a) of Article 174 of the Constitution of India, as amended up-to-date, I, S. M. Shrinagesh, Governor of Assam, hereby prorogue the Assam Legislative Assembly at the conclusion of its sitting on the 13th August 1962.

S. M. SHRINAGESH,
Governor of Assam.”

Prorogation

The Assembly was then prorogated.

R. N. BARUA,
Secretary,
Legislative Assembly, Assam.

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